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VIOLENT SOCCER

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

DESPITE what many coaches, players and fans believe, Soccer in Australia today has become far too violent.

For some inexplicable reason, we are not aware of it and just accept it.

To make things worse, with this year seeing a mass relegation of 10 clubs from the NSL, things are going to get even rougher before they get better as clubs scramble to finish in the top 14.

Eddie Krncevic was shocked when he returned to Australia last year to play in this violent Soccer.

Heavy physical contact is now the order of the day and nobody seems to be doing anything about it: worse, many people appear unaware of it.

Soccer over the last five years has become rough and violent, with physically crude tackling ranking high on priorities.

What's alarming, is that this disease is being accepted and very little is being done to cure the ailment.

The team of "doctors" who can cure this disease in Australian Soccer are the coaches, referees and of course the Judiciary-Committees.

Some lesser teams who feel inferior to star teams turn matches into kicking duels.

Former Australian World Cup striker, Eddie Krncevic who had been missing from the Australian scene over the last four years playing in Europe, said last year when guesting here for an NSL club:

"I just cannot believe how rough the game has become in Australia."

"The crude tackling

would bring a flood of red cards and long suspensions in Europe. A highly skillful striker doesn't have a chance here," the tall striker stressed.

People have told me that it is due to the British influence in our game as seen on television.

To that, I say... RUBBISH!



MARK LAWRENSON

The game in England is fast, extremely hard and highly professional.

When was the last time you saw Liverpool, butcher down opposing strikers? Or Everton, Manchester United, West Ham, Arsenal, Chelsea etc?

I use Liverpool as an obvious example because, to me, they have been one of the finest teams in the world over the last 15 years.

The giant Liverpool twin centre-backs, Mark Lawrenson and Alan Han-

sen never resort to "cow-boy-tackles" to bring down, slash or butcher a striker.

In fact, the Liverpool stoppers have been accused of being the softest defenders in the English first division.

Why are they so effective?

Simple.

Hansen and Lawrenson are super-skilled, brilliant readers of the game and well drilled.

But above all, they can PLAY.

Usually when you see a "hit-man" in Australian Soccer, it is because he can't play and gains selection for his toughness.

In England, "hitting from behind" has been banned.

Australia should bring this ruling in immediately for 1986.

Going "over the ball" has become very common in Australian Soccer.

The "over-the-ball merchant" should be immediately sent off by the referee and the Judiciary automatically must crack down with suspensions of up to a year.

Soccer urgently needs a Jim Comans to clean-up the code, as he did with Rugby League.

Soccer fans want goals and entertainment.

They don't want to see vicious, crude, stalemate Soccer.

They demand to see skills, moves, tactics, pace, flair individual stars.

Last year, one Sydney Croatia player brought down Sydney Olympic's exciting Chris Kalantzis with what appeared to be the worst tackle Sydney fans have seen for many a year.



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Chris Kalantzis, victim of a bad tackle in a televised NSL match at the Croatian Sports Centre.

The Editor

THE new season which kicked off last weekend represents the greatest gamble ever taken by clubs in the Olympic Airways National Soccer League.

Believe it or not, the 24 members clubs have voluntarily agreed to let their numbers be slashed by 10 at the end of the year.

That is the most surprising thing of all. The NSL clubs have not been bullied into surrendering their national status. No big brother forced them to reduce their numbers so drastically.

They believe, or the majority of them believe, that a 14-team national competition will be a more viable and attractive proposition than the present 24-team arrangement split North and South.

Perhaps they are right. ASW hopes they are right because nothing is needed more right now than a strong well-supported and prosperous National League.

We must confess to harbouring doubts, though.

When teams travel interstate they tend to travel alone. Unlike England, Italy, West Germany or Spain where vast hordes of fans follow their teams regularly to away fixtures, the Aussies are not good travellers.

So a glamour club like South Melbourne, which can draw on a regular following of up to 10,000 people when it plays in Melbourne, may well prove a box office disaster when it plays Sydney City at Sydney Athletic Field.

Two Sydney teams playing in Sydney are supported by two lots of spectators.

That potential audience must, inevitably, be shared by half if one of the teams in action is from Melbourne, Adelaide or Brisbane.

This is the danger and it has been highlighted by Blacktown City's refusal to agree that the formula now being tested for the 1987 NSL is the correct one.

It was Blacktown secretary Peter Thorne who put the question: "If we cannot attract big crowds when Sydney teams play, why should the crowds roll up to see a Melbourne team play?"

There is no answer. Australian Soccer fans are strictly one-club fans. There are virtually no floating voters, the sort of Soccer spectators who just go along to see a good game owing no allegiance to either side.

Tony Labbozzetta, vice-chairman of the NSL, told us recently that he expected the 14-team National League to endure for at least three years.

Labbozzetta realises that there have already been too many changes. The NSL has been in existence for only nine years and its format has been constantly reviewed and altered.

These constant changes tend to bewilder the average Soccer fan, who would undoubtedly welcome a period of stability.

But to enjoy stability, the clubs must first hit on the perfect formula for running a national competition.

They may feel the 14-team idea is the right one. They are prepared to give it a go. But if it does not click, will they persist with it for three years...until the end of 1989?

Don't put your money on that. If things start going wrong midway through this 1986 season, be sure there will again be agitation for a change.

But where do we go next? If this year's competition does not prove the success its advocates anticipate, there will be few options open for clubs to try another direction.

They will then face the prospect of going back to square one and re-forming strong State Leagues, albeit better Leagues than were in operation before the code went national in 1977.

It would be a backward step. But it would not be the end of the world.

No other nation as big as Australia has a National League. We are more a continent than a country. And we do not have the cheapest domestic air travel to soften the blow of flying large numbers of footballers from State to State.

Be sure the whole future of club Soccer in Australia will be settled between now and 1989. Perhaps, indeed, it will be sorted out as early as 1986.

NEWCASTLE HOLD ON TIGHT TO DEFY SYDNEY CITY

BY JAMES DOUGLAS

AT the end of a tenaciously-fought 0-0 draw between Sydney City and Newcastle Rosebud, Newcastle coach Peter Irving took a huge sigh of relief.

Irving went into the match expecting the very worst but his players belied his expectations and held the star-studded Slickers to no score.

The first half was a tame affair with neither team taking the upper hand.

City lived up a little in the second half but were met with staunch resistance from the gallant Rosebud side.

Not only did Newcastle defy all that Kosmina, Farina and company threw at them but they managed to launch some very threatening counter-attacks themselves.

Australian Youth in-



ALEX MCPHERSON

ternational Sean Ingham again made his speed a trump card but fell down when it came to control.

In fact Ingham may have grabbed a shock goal for his side when in the 58th minute he had a chance to head home from only a few metres.

His header, though, was a tame effort and City keeper Alex McPherson had little trouble keeping it out.

His opposite in the Newcastle goal, Clint Gosling, was in fine touch also and whenever his back four was beaten he was on hand to save the day.

He was beaten only twice in the match and ironically no goal resulted.

In the 20th minute Jean Paul De Marigny headed the ball into the net only to have the goal disallowed for an infringement on a Newcastle defender.

In the 65th minute with City throwing all at Newcastle, Paul Kay's powerful drive from the edge of the area hit the post.

Once again the City players were in the wars with the referee, this time, Arthur Owens.

Steve O'Connor, Jean Paul De Marigny and Joe Watson were all booked. Crowd: 1500

Referee: Arthur Owens

BRISBANE CITY WON'T GIVE UP WITHOUT FIGHT

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE CITY showed they would not give up their National League tenure without a fight with their scoreless draw with Preston at Spencer Park.

While they shared the points with the Melbourne side, City dominated the match and nearly the entire second half was played in Preston territory.

The only thing City failed to do was put the ball into the net - and that was largely due to fine goal keeping from Preston youngster Philip Trainedes.

What was heartening for City coach Jim Hermiston and the club's supporters was the new commitment from their team. Gone was last year's lethargy that saw the side finish second last.

Leading the way was 23 year old Frank Mengotti, whose all round ability has improved threefold.

While Hermiston was disappointed in not starting the season with a win, he would only look at the positive side of the result.

"We didn't lose and we kept a clean sheet. The effort and the attitude were there and they are the things that counted," he said.

While the draw was

frustrating for City, it could well have been a victory for Preston such was the delight of their coach Bill Murray.

The Melbourne side went into the game without regulars Sean Lane, Graham Heyes and new import Milan Necovski who were injured. And striker Steve Smith and midfielder Ron Campbell were not match fit which showed later when they suffered cramps.

"We didn't try to be negative, its just we couldn't get the ball out," Murray said.

While scoring opportunities were few, City's best were efforts in both halves by Steve Hogg. Preston came closest to scoring with an Ian Dobson shot on the turn and a Steve Smith effort, both in the first half.

BRISBANE: Wiahart, Archer, Mengotti, Perry, Caird, Hogg, Hamilton, Milosevic, Reis, (Fabrizio 70), Cooper, White.

PRESTON: Trainedes, Roodhouse, Opasins, Dobson, McLelland, Campbell, Petrov (Poulouovski 84), Illoaki, Van Egmond (Silkka 77), Smith Cole. Referee: Tony Pollard. Crowd: 2441.

DRAMA GALORE IN MONARO — CANBERRA CLASH

THE first round Nanda Cup tie between Inter Monaro and Canberra City was abandoned at Seiffert Oval when the floodlights went out with the full-time score 3-1.

BY KEN HEALEY

The Seiffert Trust had set the lights on a four hour time switch at 6pm when an early match started.

After half an hour attempting to get the lights on referee Bob Marshall had no alternative but to abandon the game.

The Ampol Cup match between the same teams was held up for 20 minutes on February 5 at the same ground while someone was found to switch the lights on.

The game was played at cracking pace. Hilton Phillips knocked in a Steve Bryant corner in the 5th minute.

Baz Giampaolo equalised from a penalty 11 minutes later after Peter Burke had upset him.

Giampaolo cut back a magnificent ball to Steve

Winn whose goal gave Monaro the lead in the 23rd minute, but Giampaolo was carried off with a torn hamstring five minutes before half-time.

After an hour Ian Wortherspoon was sent off for alleged dissent. He had put the ball in the net for an off-side 'goal' four minutes earlier.

Ian Gibson then beat Steve Hoszowski to a loose ball, but in the 77th minute, Monaro with only 10 men seemed to have it won when Winn scored his second.

In the 85th minute Phillips replied with his second to tie the match 3-3. Augusto Palacios showed the sort of ball-skills he is renowned for.

Canberra City H. Phillips 2 (5th, 8th) I. Gibson. Monaro B. Giampaolo, Winn 2.



Robbie Slater...match-winner for Demons.

SLATER GETS SUPER GOAL

BY TREVOR HAMILTON

ROBBIE SLATER, one of several new signings to team up with Blacktown City this year, had an inspiring debut at Bruce Stadium against Canberra City.

Slater scored the only goal of the game, a solo effort 13 minutes from the end which sent the visiting Demons home in happy mood.

Slater has been under an injury cloud ever since his headline transfer from St George but Blacktown coach Casey de Bruin was satisfied that the red-headed striker was fully fit to face Canberra.

It was a decision de Bruin did not regret as Slater turned out to be the match-winner.

Apart from his vital goal, Slater also looked the most talented player in the Blacktown side.

The goal which did the damage came from a slide run on the right which ended in a surprise rocket shot which Canberra goalkeeper Tony Franken had no chance of saving.

Franken was beaten earlier by Slater when a shot from the ex-Saint was cleared off Canberra's goal line by defender Peter Mazis.

Blacktown were again close to scoring when another new signing Joe Carroll tried a shot which also involved a goal line

IT WAS A LET-DOWN FOR FANS

BY VIC MIGLIACCIO

THERE was new optimism in the air and new hopes for better things before the kick-off in the Adelaide 'Hellas' George Cross match at Hindmarsh Stadium in front of 3000 people.

On the park, it was lacklustre performance by both teams with lots of long balls and heavy tackling.

In the stands, fights broke out, fans pushed and abused each other throughout the match and reinforcement of police had to be brought in.

Adelaide managed to score first, in the 40th minute when Gary Price controlled a cross from George Konstantopoulos to push the ball past George Cross keeper, L. Kastner.

The sky fell on Hellas when in the space of nine minutes George Cross midfielder Mark Lenn cracked two fine goals to give his side the two points.

In the 69th minute, latched onto a loose through ball from Jon Markouski and went past a defender to slot the ball into the net past Gary Sproul keeper.

In the 78th minute was at the end of a C Taylor free-kick to score home a first time vol.

On the bright side special mention should be given the Youth International, Lou Hridoulou, who was by the best player on the

ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Hearn, Hearn, Hristodoulou, Konstantopoulos, McLachlan, Scott, Price 80.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner, Tarrant, James, Richardson, Gilder, Mitton, Bain, Toal (57), Lannon. Referee: Gary Power. Crowd: 3000

clearance, this time Steve Bryant.

There was never a doubt that Blacktown were the better team were destined to win though only one goal rated the teams at the

During the second Blacktown seemed to for a spell and allowed Canberra to control - if only by

The home side have scored through ton Phillips, Ian C and captain Tomm manni but it was not

It was an encounter opening to the seas Blacktown, a club has gone into the t in a genuine bid to fans a match-winning

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BIG MATCH DRAMA WAS UPSTAGED BY GREEN GULLY

BY JIM HARVEY

DESPITE the dilemma attached to the clash between Juventus and South Melbourne, with all its pre-match drama, it was left to lowly Green Gully to steal Melbourne's limelight on Sunday with a well-deserved draw against Melbourne Croatia.

The game between Juventus and South billed for weeks before hand as "McKendry versus Margaritis" was in the event something of a let-down.

Juventus, desperate to reinforce its attack, signed Scott Patterson from Heidelberg for \$8,500 but then had to survive a court appeal by Heidelberg.

Heidelberg claimed the transfer was invalid, tried to obtain an injunction on Thursday night and an action failed before Mr Justice Vincent.

Juventus also came to terms with dissatisfied Andrew Zinni and he lined up alongside Patterson, with Joe Sweeney out with an injured knee.

The first half was a scrappy affair, with both defences well on top and the only highlight a brilliant save at point-blank range by Yakka Banovic from Doug Brown.

Brown, however, had left his shooting boots at home and it was left to his partner, last year's league top goalscorer Charlie Egan to steal the points with a brilliant left foot thunderbolt in the 75th minute.

Heidelberg will continue its fight to have the Patterson transfer declared invalid and just for good measure, South Melbourne also told referee Don Campbell before the kick off that it too would protest against Patterson. South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Blair, McDowall, Postecoglou, Murphy, (sub Nicolaides), Halford, Miranda, Davidson, Brown, Egan.

Juventus: Banovic, Lewis, Brown, Yzendoorn, Campbell, Petersen, Wade, Dowie, Cullen, Patterson, Zinni.

Heidelberg was lucky to stagger out of its home tie with Adelaide City with a draw and on the evidence of this game it looks like being a long hard road for Brian Garvey's Heidelberg men.

Most Heidelberg activity nowadays seems to be

centred on protests, for apart from trying to stop the Patterson transfer, the club also delayed the free transfer of Steve Tasios to South Melbourne by a last-minute appeal.

And the exodus doesn't end there. The next to go could be Joe Angele.

The Bergers were a goal down after 25 minutes, when Steve Maxwell scored, and it wasn't until the 65th minute that Theo Selemidis, playing up front in an attempt to instil some life into the attack, equalised.

Heidelberg rather luckily went ahead in the 74th minute when Con Papas was tripped and Alan Hunter converted a penalty.

But justice was done when Steve Maxwell got his second, and the equaliser in the 79th minute.

Adelaide City was brilliant, but the outlook is gloomy for Heidelberg. Heidelberg: Olver, McKie, Marley, Hunter, Higgins, Valentine, Selemidis, Katsakidis (Tzintzis 64), Tsolakis, Deligiannis, Papas. Adelaide City: McNally, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar, Northcote.

All-conquering Melbourne Croatia travelled to tiny Gully Reserve and got the fright of its life.

It was a Jekyll and Hyde performance from a Green Gully side that had been thrashed 3-0 by State League team Croydon City as recently as Wednesday night in the Nanda Cup.

Tommy Cumming scored a goal that must have given him great personal satisfaction against his old club when he caught Mirko Runje off his line with a 25 yard lob.

That was after 21 minutes, and 15 minutes later Ante Ljubic equalised from a pass by Davor Todoric.

But Croatia couldn't go on with the job in its first game away from spacious Olympic Park, and the

Gully defence played superbly.

One of Gully's stars in defence was Scott Fraser who arrived from Scotland only a week ago and was unbeatable in the sweeper role.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Vizzini, Douglas, Fraser, Cannell, Flavell, Lewis, Barichello (sub McLelland), D Ward, Drakeford, Cumming. CROATIA: Runje, Deankovic, McIn-

toah, Curcio, Hannah, Campbell, Ljubic, (sub Markovic), Blacic, Golevic, G Ward, Tovorac.

Footscray supporters went home happily after a brave fight back against Brisbane Lions had netted the Melbourne team both points.

Anderson scored for Lions with a tremendous free kick after 41 minutes.

Paul Simic, back from Broadmeadows, scored in the 78th minute after coming on as sub for Lube Petrovski, and Vlatko Belic finished with a goal eight minutes from time.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, Petrovski, (sub Simic), Berjaktarevic, Vulzevic, Karic, Belic, Tapal, Bozinovski, (sub Oblak), Latif, Lazopoulos, Lujic. BRISBANE LIONS: Evans, Hunter, Jackson, Vasquez, Niven, Anderson, Ogden, Stewart J. Morton, McGregor, Mulvey.

BRADLEY PACKS BAGS FOR OLD TRAFFORD

BRADLEY GLASSOCK, a 17-year-old with Manly Warringah third grade side in the NSW State League, will soon pack his bags to fly to England.

BY DAVID JACK

Bradley has won a scholarship to train for a month with one of the world's great clubs, Manchester United.

The scheme was designed by Dee Why Rotary club and the organisation was in the capable hands of Johnny Thomson, publicity officer with the NSW Soccer Federation.

The trip won't cost Bradley a cent — apart from his pocket money. Air fares and accommodation will all be looked after by the Rotary club.

A short list of candidates for the scholarship

was drawn up by the judges, Johnny Thomson, Alan Delaney, Joe Alagic and ASW editor David Jack.

The four boys who were interviewed before the final selection was made were Sean Lahiff, Warren Anderson, Andrew Sinclair and Bradley Glassock.

There was virtually nothing to choose between them as all were outstanding candidates.

After being declared the winner, Bradley made an excellent speech of acceptance in which he particularly thanked the judges. "They obviously made the right decision," said the youngster.

Bradley's mother Tonia and father Trevor were at the Dee Why Rotary club when their boy received his award.

Trevor Glassock said: "The trip to Manchester United will be a wonderful experience for the boy but I feel sorry for the other three who didn't quite make it."

The Glassocks are a real sporting family. There are four sons. Craig (12) and Chris (7) play junior Soccer in Manly and the oldest son, 19-year-old Stephen, leaves today for a New Zealand cricket tour with the Manly Under 20 side.

Dr Mike Armstrong, president of Dee Why Rotarians, described the Manchester United scholarship as "the most important sporting project undertaken by this club."

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

THE Youth League opened last weekend with a flurry of goals as all sides looked to restock their teams and finalise combinations for the new season.

In all 35 goals were scored in just seven matches, biggest winners being LEICHHARDT who hammered INTER MONARO 7-1 at home.

Three goals in the first half set up LEICHHARDT's big victory.

ZULLO opened the onslaught in the 14th minute, TONY GENOVESE added another four minutes later and FRANK SPERANZA scored the third, two minutes before the break.

The match continued in the same vein in the second period with FRANK SPERANZA starring as he notched two more goals in 75 and 87

minutes to complete his hat trick.

On SUNDAY Blacktown were at the end of a thrashing from CANBERRA as the boys from the capital knocked in six goals to the Demons one.

TONY LAMAZINA scored twice after three minutes and a penalty in 36 minutes, GARDNER MURRY also scored twice. However his 14-minute goal was blemished by an own goal in 41 minute as he headed over his own keeper.

Further goals from VIC FERNANDEZ 38, BRIAN WATKINS 81 and GUS CERRO 87 sent the Blacktown boys home

with their tails between their legs.

In other matches last season's Australian Champions SYDNEY CITY accounted for NEWCASTLE 4-2 despite being down 2-1 midway through the first half.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC came back after losing 5-0 to AIS last week to welcome new boys CANTERBURY with a similar drubbing, scoring four times in the second half.

Both MARCONI and ST GEORGE travelled and picked up handy victories. MARCONI defeated WOLLONGONG 4-0 and ST GEORGE beat CROATIA by 2-0.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

22nd March

AIS 5 Grbac 13, Trimboli 46, 76, Foster 66, Van Blerk 82 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0

29th March

BLACKTOWN 0 AIS 3 Clarkson 62, Cumming 70 (pen) Van Blerk 87.

SYDNEY CITY 4 Parish 6, Fletcher 39, Sharpe 65, P. Falconer 87 NEWCASTLE 2 Todd 34, 37

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 5 Mantas 6, Bourke 47, Oustambasidis 71, 86, Bennett 75 CANTERBURY 0 WOLLONGONG 0 MARCONI 4 Ackerley 13, Carmo-

na 50, 80, Lovan 82. CANBERRA CITY 6 Lemazina 3, 36 (pen) Fernandez 38, Murray 14, Watkins 81, Cerro 87 BLACKTOWN CITY 1 Murray (og) 41.

CROATIA 0 ST GEORGE 2 Ollerenshaw (2 goals) LEICHHARDT 7 Zullo 14, 50 T. Genovese 18, Speranza 43, 75, 87 A. Genovese 70 INTER MONARO 1 Chicco 86.

FOOTSCRAY 4 FAWKNER 0 HEIDELBERG 1 NUNAWADING 1 BRUNSWICK JUV 1 STH MELBOURNE 2

GREEN GULLY 1 MELB CROATIA 1 BRIGHTON 0 SUNSHINE GC 3 FRANKSTON PINES 1 PRESTON 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

NORTHERN DIVISION

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 4 (C Kalantzis, M Soper, S Johnstone, S Stevenson) CANTERBURY 0 at Pratten Park. Crowd: 5841.

CANBERRA 0 BLACKTOWN 1 (R Slater) 0 at National Stadium. Crowd: 760.

WOLLONGONG 2 (S Rivero 2) MARCONI 1 (P Tredinnick) at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 2032.

LEICHHARDT 2 (J Hrstovski, D Stewart) MONARO 0 at Lambert Park. Crowd: 1276.

SYDNEY CITY 0 NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 0 at Woy Woy Oval. Crowd: 1500.

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Z. Zurin 2) ST GEORGE 1 (Moffitt) at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 5248.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

BRISBANE CITY 0 PRESTON 0 at Spencer Park. Crowd: 2441.

ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (G Price) SUNSHINE 2 (M Lennon 2) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3500.

HEIDELBERG 2 (T Selemidis, A Hunter) ADELAIDE CITY 2 (S Maxwell 2) at Heidelberg. Crowd: 2000.

FOOTSCRAY 2 (P Simic, V Belic) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (C Anderson) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 2223.

BRUNSWICK 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (C Egan) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 6000.

GREEN GULLY 1 (T Cumming) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (A Ljubic) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 2513.

SOUTH AMERICAN MAGIC SINKS MARCONI

BY PHIL MURPHY

A touch of South American magic from Saul Rivero set the scene for Wollongong City's upset 2-1 win over Marconi at Wollongong Showground.

While Marconi coach Les Scheinflug was in Buenos Aires recruiting players, Wolves Uruguayan import Rivero was putting on the style for his new club.

It was Rivero who headed home a Peter Kotamanidis corner after just seven minutes to give

Wollongong a grand start.

It was Rivero who bent a 20 metre free-kick around the Marconi wall to clinch the points just two minutes after Peter Tredinnick had equalised for Marconi midway through the second half.

It was also Rivero who had a goal disallowed, received the yellow card and

should have been awarded a penalty.

In all, it could be said Rivero was heavily involved!

Referee Roger Doneau was booed from the field by the Wollongong fans even though their team won.

He did Wollongong no favours and should have

given them a penalty when David Lowe flattened Rivero in the box five minutes into the second half.

While Rivero was the man of the moment with Wolves supporters, coach John Fleming said it was a real team effort.

"They followed instruc-

tions to the letter but we are not getting carried away with this one result," Fleming said.

Marconi showed glimpses of their class but were disjointed for long periods after Rivero scored his early goal.

Veteran Larry Gaffney got through a lot of work

in midfield for the home team while Ray Vlietstra led the defence well.

Referee Doneau showed his yellow card to eight players - four in each team - but the game was never as rough as that might indicate.

Crowd: 3032. Referee: R Doneau.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC CRUSH CANTERBURY "BABES" IN BRILLIANT OPENING

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC again served warning that they aim to be the major force for the 1986 Olympic Airways Soccer League when they crushed Canterbury Marrickville 4-0 at Pratten Park.

As expected, Sydney Olympic just had too much power, pace and experience for the very young and newly-promoted Berries.

In all honesty, the scoreline flattered Canterbury and they can be most thankful to Olympic's central striker, Stuart Stevenson, who had an unhappy day in front of goal.

Stevenson, newly signed from Heidelberg this year, missed with three chances before he eventually nailed one in the 75th minute.

Sydney Olympic with their two English professionals, Martyn Rogers and Mike Coady in their back-four, are able to release their other two defenders, Gary Phillips and Tony Dakos forward and add to their attacking thrust.

Despite Canterbury playing with four midfielders in George Akoutas, John Anagnostopoulos, George Kalogeras and John Radman, they were no match for Olympic's trio of Stuart Johnston, Peter Raskopoulos and Vicente Estavillo.

But, having said that, Olympic's midfield were greatly supported by their defenders and strikers, who would push up or drop back to aid the linkmen.

Olympic opened their account in the 14th minute when flank striker, Chris Kalantzis scored with a close-range header after meeting a perfect cross from the left flank by

fellow striker, Marshall Soper.

Soper got on the scoring list in the 31st minute when the fiery, super-fit striker belted a 20 metre thunderbolt from the left side. Soper's shot hit the right post and cannoned into the net.

Midfielder, Stuart Johnston, one of Olympic's most consistent players during the Ampol Cup, again scored for his club when in the 64th minute he smashed in a 15 metre

low drive to find the target.

Soper and Kalantzis showed great strength and pace as they repeatedly ripped Canterbury's lines apart with their powerful raids forward.

In the 75th minute, Stevenson, having missed on three previous occasions eventually scored his first League goal for Olympic from three metres out after being given two bites of the cherry.

Canterbury played with very little confidence and appeared to be frightened of their opponents.

Their striker Johnny Petas was about the only player who showed im-

mense disrespect for Olympic.

Petas in the second half set off on a 60 metre raid, beating at least four defenders on the way, but unfortunately none of his team-mates supported him.

In the dressing rooms after the match, Canterbury's coach, Dom Kapetanovic, lamented: "We are too young a side and we played with no confidence at all."

Canterbury, however are expecting no fewer than three recruits from Yugoslavia within the next three weeks. One is a striker, another is an experienced midfielder with the third being a top stopper.

Best performers for Olympic were Soper, Johnston and Dakos whilst for Canterbury, Petas, George Haniotis and goalkeeper Ian Barker did well under the circumstances.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Phillips; Johnstone (Stankovic 86th), Raskopoulos, Estavillo (Brandt 63rd); Soper, Stevenson, Kalantzis.

CANTERBURY: Barker: Karaspyros, Haniotis, Hantzis, Kirwan; Akoutas, Kalogeras, Anagnostopoulos (Ethimiadis 85th), Radman (Jebrael); Petas, Themnidis. Referee: G. Warne. Crowd: 5,841.

TOUR match, in Napoli: Napoli 1 Argentina 2. GULF Cup, in Manama: Bahrain 0 Qatar 0. EUROPEAN under-21 ch'ships, 9-1 in Bergamo: Italy 2 Sweden 1 (Italy 3-2 on aggregate).

ISRAEL: Bnei Yehuda 0 Maccabi Jaffa 0, Hapoel Tel Aviv 3 Hapoel Haifa 1, Maccabi Tel Aviv 3 Maccabi Petah Tikva 0, Maccabi Yavne 1, Bnei Jerusaleim 1, Hapoel Jerusalem 1, Hapoel Kfar Sava 1, Hapoel Petah Tikva 0, Maccabi Shaarayim 2, Maccabi Haifa 4, Shimshon 3, Hapoel Be'er Sheva 0, Maccabi Netanya 0.

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H Tel Aviv	22	12	8	2	36	18	44
M Haifa	22	12	6	4	34	15	42
B Jerusalem	22	11	5	6	33	23	38
M Tel Aviv	22	9	9	4	32	20	36
Bnei Yehuda	22	9	7	6	12	11	34
Shimshon	22	8	8	6	26	28	32



SYDNEY OLYMPIC's Martyn Rogers clashes with Canterbury's Chris Themnidis.

APIA FEELING GOOD

WINNING is a habit and as far as Apia is concerned they've got that old feeling back again.

Rale Rasic's boys got back in the groove in easy fashion when they downed Inter-Monaro 2-0 at Lambert Park on Sunday.

BY TOM ANDERSON

After some nerve wracking afternoons in the pre-season games the Apia boys must have said to themselves after yesterday's romp: "How long has this been going on".

For it was little more than a training run for the Lambert Parkers, who won easily, without even having to get in totop gear.

The 2-0 scoreline was no indication of Apia's

superiority for this was a one horse race.

Monaro were without their star Baz Giampaolo, who was out injured and, to be honest, they never looked like being capable of taking a point.

To make matters worse for the visitors, they played for most of the second half with only 10 men after striker Velice Trajanoski was stretchered off in the 50th minute.

No doubt Monaro coach Frank Maccarone would have been tearing his hair out as he had already used up his two substitutes at half time because of earlier injuries.

Apia dictated terms from go to woe and were superior in every facet of the game.

It took them only 12 minutes to set up their first scoring opportunity

which was squandered by Alex Bundalo when it looked easier to score than miss.

But, this was only a stutter and Jim Hristovski atoned for his South Coast mate when he rattled one home in the 18th minute.

Any hope that Monaro had of salvaging a point went out the window with this goal.

From then on Apia toyed with the opposition and their second came in the 81st minute from the busy Darren Stewart.

The Lambert Parkers played some fine stuff and at times pushed the ball around in style.

Indeed, when they can get their Polish imports over here they will have more than a useful line-up.

Which just goes to show that pre-season games mean absolutely nothing when the chips are down in real competition.

The win capped a fine afternoon for the Apia club with the opening of their new grandstand.

Also it must be put on record that Lambert Park has never looked better and the facelift has the stadium in fine shape which proves that Happy Days are here again for this Grand Old Cub.

APIA: Pezzano; Bozanic, Bertogina, Ziras, Brown; Bundalo, Steven, Hristovski, Butler; Stewart, Dounis (Morsello 76).

MONARO: Hoszowski; Tullawa, Budini, A. Ambrosino, Williams; Carbone, Willox (D'Addario 45), Walsh, C. Ambrosino (Dachs 45); Winn, Trajanoski. Referee: Ken Small. Crowd: 1260.

TWO-GOAL JURIN SINKS SAINTS

SYDNEY CROATIA started their National League season with a valuable home win against St George under the lights but it was a close affair.

BY KEITH DALTON

Two goals from in-form winger Zjalko Jurin won the game. Yet St George fought well to go down narrowly 2-1.

Jurin, a Yugoslavian import, has found the goalscoring touch in pre-season matches and he kept up the good work by adding two more in this first competition match.

Another import, Ante Rumora, was instrumental in Croatia's opening goal after a quarter of an hour.

Rumora's good shot hit the upright and rebounded to Jurin who scored easily.

Ten minutes later, Jurin slipped the ball through goalkeeper Mike Gibson's

legs to present Saints with the problem of pulling back a 2-0 deficit.

But Saints fought well and, before half-time, reduced the gap to 2-1 when young Craig Moffitt climbed high to head in a goal.

David Skeen, again showing signs that he is recapturing his strong form of a couple of years ago, was one of Saint's outstanding performers. Skeen's dangerous overlaps and crosses caused problems for the home defence.

The second half produced no goals but there was plenty of excitement. St George had the bet-

ter of the play and were probably unlucky not to sneak an equalising goal when Roy Cotton's shot passed only centimetres wide of the Croatia post.

Pre-match fears that Croatia player-coach Vran Rozic could be sidelined with a back injury were dispelled.

Rozic was fit to turn out and, in fact, started the move which brought home the opening goal.

Following this spirited effort, Saints have to tipped to win next Sunday's second round match against their old rivals Apia Leichhardt.

BRISBANE-IPSWICH SQUADS at Perry Park, April 5. BRISBANE: Coach Mal Bligh. Robert Farrow (Brisbane Lions), Michael Mulvey (Brisbane Lions), Gordon Otto (Olympic United), Michael Cerneka (Olympic United), Peter Tyson (Olympic United), Thompson (capt-Mt Gravatt), Martin Kirsopp (Mt Gravatt), Brown (Mt Gravatt), Alan M (North Star), Gordon Buch (North Star), Ian Brown (Grange Thistle), Keith Marsh (Grange Thistle), Phil Thompson (Grange Thistle), Jim McDonagh (Grange Thistle), Stand-by players: Kay (Grange Thistle), Jeff (Grange Thistle), Mark Pickup (Grange Thistle), depending on transfer from Coalstars to Olympic finalised by April 5.

IPSWICH: Coach Gary W. Richard Barnard (Ipswich United), John Bennett (Ipswich United), Bohan (Ipswich United), Mark sasco (Coalstars), Damien (Ipswich United), Kevin Ca (Coalstars), Brett Kitching (Ipswich United), Ian Lawrie (Coalstars), Paul McClure (Ipswich United), Paul McKend (Ipswich United), McNaughton (Coalstars), Penman (Coalstars), Wayner (capt-Ipswich), Dave V (Coalstars).

NANDA CUP: MONARO 2-5 Giampaolo) le CANBERRA 3 (H Phillips son) at Seiffert Oval, Q. lan. Match abandoned at prior to extra time being when floodlights failed. Match to be replayed at date to be nounced.

NANDA CUP at Olympic Park. CROYDON CITY 3 (G D Brogan J MacLean) b GULLY 0. Crowd approx 5



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THE GLOVES ARE OFF

THEY say "good things come in small packages" and after watching the performance of David Lowe in the Nanda Cup against St George I'm inclined to agree.

Although small in stature "Lowey" stood head and shoulders above all others on the field.

Some of his tricks when taking on players were pure magic. This year he appears to be much fitter and trimmer than in previous years and his game is certainly showing the benefits. Apart from the skill, his pace over the first 10 metres was most impressive.

There are not too many players who can give Mick O'Shea a start over 20 metres and still outspring him.

Mind you Mick is not as young as he used to be. I believe Frank Arok has asked AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY for a picture of Lowey's face so Mick can recognise him next match.

Another player to impress all who watched the two games at Barton Park was Tony Dakos. What a superb performance.

His positioning and damaging runs forward were a delight to watch. Hopefully the injuries that have disrupted Tony's career are behind him now and he will be able to realise his full potential.

goal, the rest of the team feel confident to push forward in numbers.

The St George defence took on a familiar look against Marconi with the players from the 1985 back four being reinstated and what a different performance it was from the previous Wednesday night clash.

With the defence organised I'm sure the Saints supporters can look forward to the competition with confidence.

Although we managed two goals, the forward line is still unreliable and a regular scorer would be a welcome acquisition.

During the May school vacation I will be conducting a coaching clinic at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda. The camp will be open for boys and girls between 8 and 16.

Assisting me with the coaching will be several members of the national team.

Joe Watson, Steve O'Connor, Ian Gray, Frank Farina and Andrew Koscka will be coaching with guest appearances from Eddie Thomson, John Kosmina and Dave Ratcliffe.

Leading NSL referee Gary Power will lecture

By Terry Greedy

Australia's World Cup Goalkeeper



on the rules of the game (he'll be taking a refresher course) and St George physiotherapist Pedro Ruz will be dealing with the prevention and treatment of Soccer associated injuries.

The camp is being sponsored by ALLGOODS EXPRESS INTER-STATE (A.E.I.) TRANSPORT PTY LTD.

This is A.E.I.'s first venture into the Soccer arena and managing director Colin Jarvis was very keen for his company to lend financial assistance to a project which will benefit the junior Soccer ranks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank

A.E.I. for making the camps possible and I sincerely hope it will be the beginning of a long and successful association for the company and Soccer.

See you next week

Terry Greedy

WOLLONGONG GALA DAY

By JOHN ECONOMOS

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA, newly promoted to the NSW State League, is planning a big Gala Day to mark the club's first match in Division 1 at Berkely Sports Ground next Sunday when they play hosts to Manly Warringah.

Wollongong's secretary, Bob Kezovski, told ASW: "Next Sunday we are planning to have before the match festivities which will include a performance of Macedonian folk dancing and a coloured display of parachute jumping for this special occasion."

Kezovski continued: "We will have special invited guests such as dignitaries from Australia's biggest Company, BHP, plus politicians."

Wollongong Macedonia has consistently just mis-

sed out on promotion to Division 1 of the State League over the last seven years, so next Sunday is a real dream come true for the supporters.

The club has secured a syndicated sponsorship from the local Macedonian Businessmen's club totalling some \$22,500.

Now that Wollongong has secured a ground, sponsors and a good side with good supporters, they will be out for the points in their inaugural year in the big League.

about the development of violence in our game.

"I fully agree with you, Australian Soccer has become violent."

"But so have all other sports for that matter," said Leverton.

"The main reason of course is that much more money is involved, thus the pressures of winning have become more intense," reasoned Leverton.

I questioned him about the ability of today's "Men In Black".

"Well there again we have our own problems."

"This time last year we had over 108 referees, yet now this figure has through age-retirement and or injury, dwindled to 80."

"You could say that we are in desperate straits for new, fresh young material to come through the ranks."

I then contacted Richard Lorenc, whom I regard as one of NSW's most efficient referees.

Lorenc had this to say: "I have been a referee

since I was 22 and you are right, the game has become much more physical."

"But there are reasons."

"Many of our players today lack the necessary skills and those who do possess them soon become marked men."

"Players today rely heavily on physical contact to win the ball and this development has made refereeing very hard."

"We are reluctant to constantly stop and start games for repeated fouls and it is very frustrating."

"I always like to play the advantage rule wherever possible but that does not eliminate physical play, let alone the retaliation that often follows," Lorenc stated.

So what's the real answer?

After 12 years of refereeing Soccer, Lorenc quietly offered:

"Our players today, as well as many coaches, desperately need great self-discipline."

TASSIE TALES

STEVE HUDSON'S CUP

BY JOHN TSCHEPPEA

NORTHERN Tasmania's 1986 Soccer season got under way with the now traditional Steve Hudson Cup competition.

A total of 10 teams — Devonport, Burnie, Georgetown, Ulverstone, Croatia, Launceston Maric, Launceston United, Juventus (all Northern Premier League clubs), Ravenswood Rangers and St Leonards Rovers (N.T.S.A. Div.1 clubs) — fought it out to see who was to collect the trophy and a share of the \$1100 prizemoney.

The now annual pre-season competition, hosted by Launceston United, has developed into a solid preparation for teams for the gruelling league season ahead; and the things to come are often displayed during that period.

Although a competition organised by United was first played in 1978, it was not until the 1980 season that it was renamed in honour of Steve Hudson, the team's popular defender.

Hudson, who played for United from 1977 to 1979, died in an on-field accident while playing in a friendly end-of-season game.

The game was an extension of an idea when, in 1977, the present United team played a 1967 United Golden Oldies team. It then continued as an annual event as an Oldies v Newies social game — one of Steve's ideas.

Born in Yorkshire, England, Hudson migrated 'down under' and played Soccer in Whyalla, South Australia.

He came to Tasmania and played initially with State League club Georgetown.

In 1977, he joined United, playing as a sweeper. He became a very popular figure in the club, due mainly to his good-natured, charismatic charac-

ter and his great playing ability.

Although he was never one for training, he was always available to don the blue and white to play at weekends, and play well.

Despite an absence from the senior team for quite a few weeks, he was still able to manage a third in the Rothman's Gold Medal count in 1979.

Not only was he a very capable player, but he was also prepared to help out as a committee-member; and also in junior Soccer where he coached a local U/12 side.

Begun as an elimination series, it evolved into a round-robin format to provide more competition. It has been won only by State League clubs — Ulverstone (3), Devonport (3) and Georgetown (2). United has yet to win its own Cup; although it did reach the final in 1983, only to lose 2-1 to Ulverstone.

The 1986 competition was the best organised and keenest fought to date, providing interest and excitement for the devout spectators who turned up to watch the games — all played amid beautiful sunshine at United's Birch Ave. ground at Newstead, Launceston.

The final was taken out by Georgetown — its third in the history of the competition — by coasting to a 5-0 win over Burnie.

The final was evenly

contested until the 20th minute when new signing, Djakic, scored after the Burnie defence had failed to clear the ball from their penalty area.

Djakic again bobbed up in the 32nd minute when he headed home, past the outstretched hands of Smith.

The third goal came in the 39th minute when a ball, played back from the edge of the penalty area by Sawdon, was thundered home from 30 metres by Callaghan.

An own goal was added to the tally shortly after half-time, and Sawdon completed the scoring when he was given time to turn in the box and volley the ball into the net.

Team line-ups: Georgetown: C. Carstens, G. Pennicott, G. Lewendon, L. Monagle, M. Djakic, C. Callaghan, T. Coogan, P. Sawdon, G. Farrell, C. Hughes, F. Hopkins, S. Forsyth, M. Farrell, M. Gaetani, L. Moore.

Burnie: Rob Smith, D. Craker, T. Currie, P. Troughton, P. Hammond, R. Troughton, S. Luttmer, H. Luttmer, S. Eastley, M. Denton, S. Foley, N. Roper, Ron Smith, M. Overton.

Referee: J. Johnston. Master-of-Ceremonies, the Mayor of Launceston, Ald. Don Wing presented the trophy to Georgetown.

Already plans are under way for a bigger and better 1987 Steve Hudson Cup.

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MIKE COADY

Scoring goals is what the game is all about and Sydney City, Olympic and Blacktown showed last week they have the firepower to demolish any defence. Indeed, the performance of Olympic against Apia was awesome.

The number of players they manage to push into the box and the speed with which they instigate each raid is sure to instil fear into the heart of many goalkeepers this year.

What a bonus it is for Manfred Schaefer to have Mike Coady back after it appeared he would be lost to Australian Soccer.

One player at Olympic who rarely receives the recognition he deserves is goalkeeper Gary Meier.

Week after week "Bones" continues to contribute to the team's performance with confident handling of all situations. It comes as no surprise that with him in

SOCCER VIOLENCE

From front page

Today, that tackle is still spoken about.

Soccer fans demand quality players who can defend as well as play and Australia does have a few.

Marconi's stylish Robbie Wheatley is sheer pleasure to watch in action.

Tony Dakos, Sydney Olympic's class sweeper, is another beautiful operator who is effective without becoming a butcher.

Sydney Croatia's libero and coach, Vedran Rozic again is a fine example as he covers his lines.

Sydney City's super-cool Alex Robertson also elevates himself in this bracket.

No action was taken against the player who fouled Kalantzis.

Why not?

I contacted the NSW Referees secretary, Geoff Leverton, for his opinion



CHIT CHAT

A smart-alec Soccer personality was getting booked regularly for illegal parking near his place of employment.

So "Alec" decided to go one goal up on the police.

Last Monday, "Alec" again was booked so he kept the dreaded brown envelope for the next day to put back on his windscreen.

This he did daily till last Friday.

On Friday night, when he got back to his car, he felt the envelope was thicker than normal. "Alec" decided to investigate.

Yep, the lads in blue had booked him every time, slipping daily, new fines into the original envelope.

Bottom-Line... Police 1 vs "Alec" nil.

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FORMER Soccerroo and St George player Mike Denton is still enjoying his Soccer and still with the same club that he originally joined when he first went to Tasmania. He was on the tail end of a 5-0 Cup Final loss to Georgetown recently, but he's quite confident that Burnie will perform creditably this year.

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MAGIC MOUNTS PRODUCTS will sponsor Sydney City this year. The company markets display units and signs for retail shops.

There is not a large sum of money involved in the sponsorship and Slickers chairman Andrew Kemeny warns much bigger sponsorship will be needed in 1987.

"There will be increased travel costs in the new 14-team competition plus other financial commitments," said Kemeny.

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The 1986 Tasmanian Soccer season was officially opened last Sunday by the State's Deputy Opposition Leader, Harry Holgate, and Mrs Gill James, MHA (Lab., Bass) at Georgetown.

A number of games were played during the day, including another fixture involving Georgetown who, the day before, won the Steve Hudson Cup.

Mind you, many players were given a rest by the 'Town's coach, Peter Sawdon, probably to give other players a run... or were there too many 'injuries' from the night before?

EDDIE THOMSON is paying the price for building up a strong squad for Sydney City this year.

Eddie has 20 players in his squad but has been told he ought to reduce it to 17.

There will be no shortage of takers when Slickers start culling their talent.

SOCCER on the Gold Coast is growing rapidly at all levels.

A senior official late last week contacted ASW's offices, requesting if we knew of any visiting overseas stars.

The Gold Coast is more than interested to cut in with invitations involving healthy sponsors.

WHEN ASW phoned Rale Rasic after his Apia Leichhardt team had been massacred 6-0 by Sydney Olympic, he assured us he was not contemplating taking his own life.

"Football is a big game but not big enough to make a man commit suicide" said Rale.

Incidentally, when he returned home from that 6-0 defeat, his wife Barbara asked the result of the match. "We lost 6-0" said Rale.

Barbara laughed and asked: "Now tell the truth — what was the real score?"

But it sounded just as bad the second time it was conveyed from Mr Rasic to Mrs Rasic!



URUGUAYAN Leonad Arcosa gave Wollongong City coach John Fleming a few sleepless nights leading up to the premiership opener against Marconi.

Arcosa didn't arrive in Australia until the Wednesday before the game and had his first training session with the Wolves on the Friday morning.

Fleming wasn't really sure where Arcosa was best suited in his team.

"Really it was a case of waiting until he arrived and asking him where he wanted to play," Fleming said.

"It sounds strange but the player is very highly rated by our contacts and we are hoping he will do a good job for us wherever he plays this season."

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WOLLONGONG City director Nev Arrowsmith is putting together a comprehensive record of Soccer in Wollongong and hopes to get it into book form.

Arrowsmith spends a lot of his spare time in Wollongong University library going back through records and newspaper files.

He has been closely connected with Illawarra Soccer as a player and official for many years, having served as ISA president and being a life member.

His main interest with the Wolves has been as manager of the youth squad and he received a big kick from the Wolves winning last year's premiership.

Arrowsmith and youth coach John Frew have virtually a new team this season but they are confident the boys will perform well.

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LAUNCESTON Juventus took third place in the 1986 Steve Hudson Cup when they scored five against Ulverstone. Their new signing from England, Collin Guest, grabbed his first goals — a hat-trick — since arriving, and brother, Ernie, and an own goal completed the tally.

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RADIO 2GB's Soccer man, and ex-ASW journo, Andy Paschalidis, recently got tied up with Australia's cricket captain, Alan Border, for a few drinks.

Border caught and bowled young Andy with an hour-long chat about... Soccer, would you believe?

"Border's Soccer knowledge really surprised me," said Andy.

You could say Andy was completely stumped as Border repeatedly yoked him.

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WITH SYDNEY OLYMPIC travelling so nicely already it shouldn't be too long before some of their quality reserves start getting a bit restless.

Every coach will testify that having a big squad is good but keeping the ones that aren't playing content is doubly hard.



EDDIE THOMSON — having to cull his squad — John Foxman already gone.

CAMPBELLTOWN CITY are gaining strength as the years go by in the under age teams — they have now six teams competing in SA Junior Colts Association.

The strong Campbelltown Junior Colts Club committee includes: Chairman Ralf Ruggiero; Secretary Jan Riemelmoser; Treasurer Virginia Cordera.

The coaches for the six teams are: U/12 Reg Collier — U/13 white Mario Focarelli — U/13 red Claudio Catalano — U/14 Elio Marusic — U/15 Marice Natale and U/16 Brian Powell.

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RAY VLIETSTRA of Wollongong Wolves is one of the best young defenders in Australia and looks a future Soccerroo.

Last year, Ray had a set-back when he broke a leg but he is now completely cured and looking forward to a big season.

He has been appointed club captain at Wollongong and relishes the extra responsibility.

How long will Wolves be able to hang on to a player coveted by the big shots in Sydney?



(Left) Peter Katholos, Ray Vlietstra (right).

SINCE when have the Scots broken away from Britain? Since Sydney radio station 2UE announced on a Sunday morning it was going to broadcast "the British and Scottish Soccer Results!"

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PETER KATHOLOS will be a free agent if, and when, he returns to Australia following his stint in Greek football.

There are some people at Sydney Olympic who insist "Kat" must return to Olympic, the club which released him to sign for Larissa.

Coach Manfred Schaefer does not agree.

"Before Peter left our club, he bought out his contract for \$11,000 and various other financial matters were sorted out with him.

"If he comes back, he will be able to negotiate with any club here," said Schaefer.

Right now, Katholos is on trial with glamour club Olympiakos but his chances of making the grade in such distinguished company are not good.

Be prepared for Kat to return to Australia.

JIMMY CANT's transfer fee has been cut by half — from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

This should help the utility defender from Sydney City to get a new club because he looks real value at the new price.

Cant lives and works in Canberra.

TERRY PATALIS will re-sign for Sydney Olympic and be included in their already impressive NSL squad in May.

Patalis is in Greece where he has found it tough breaking into the big-time.

He might find it just as tough here, bearing in mind the strength and depth in Olympic's ranks.

STEFAN KAMASZ paid a tribute to NSL coaches for agreeing to be interviewed by SBS television during matches.

The executive director of the National League says this is clear evidence of cooperation with the media by coaches.

We don't doubt it. But isn't this sort of hit-and-run interview caper a bit of a liberty on the part of SBS?

Will all coaches submit to the microphone treatment while matches are actually in play?

They will not — and we don't blame them. Manfred Schaefer has already refused to cooperate and he's right.

A few years ago this interview gimmick was foisted on managers of English teams during the FA Cup Final at Wembley.

It didn't last. It won't last here either.



JIM CANT

THE SAPSASA U/12 National Championships will be played in Adelaide in August.

The SA team who won the title last year will be again coached by Des Thomson. All the games will be played at Hindmarsh Stadium.

ST GEORGE have been told to erect signs outside their excellent ground informing the public that there is no charge for using their car parks.

The local Council, it seems, is not composed of Soccer lovers.

RICKI HERBERT, who did well in his short stint in Australian Soccer, could be returning.

Herbert has finally obtained his release from English club Wolverhampton Wanderers and is home in his own country, New Zealand.

He wants to play for a club in NZ but could earn a lot more money in Australia's National League.

Herbert said Sydney Olympic showed interest in him when he played for the All Whites against the Socceroos in Sydney last year.

SAM PAPASAVAS always seems able to get in a dig at someone when he makes a speech.

True to form, Sam didn't let us down when the NSL held a pre-season lunch last week in Sydney's Hellenic club.

The chairman of the National League said: "I want to thank Olympic Airways, an overseas company, for coming to our aid as sponsor for the second year."

"But why do we not have Australian companies helping us?"

Why indeed? The question needs answering.

ULVERSTONE coach, Joe McGrory, must be going through a frustrating period at the moment — he has lost many experienced players from last year and is wondering where he can get players to boost his squad. Fortunately for the Reds, they have an established youth policy and a large crop of youngsters coming through should provide depth in the years to come.

RULE out the possibilities for guest players for Adelaide City this season.

Coach Zoran Matic is firmly against the idea.

He said that guest players are a waste of time for a coach.

AFTER a six year break from Soccer former West Adelaide coach Tom Forde has joined the committee of Second Division club Cumberland. His two sons Peter and Tom play for Cumberland.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC last week at a Greek night-club honoured their past players and former Pan Hellenic stars with a great evening of entertainment and presentations for services rendered.

About 10 years late, but nevertheless it was done... and well done.

LAUNCESTON Juventus have lost the services of player-coach Peter Savill. Savill, who arrived from England to play for a season with Juventus in 1980, has been with them for over six years and will be sorely missed.

YOU can't knock the enthusiasm of Brisbane Lions midfielder and former Young Socceroo Russell Stewart.

Stewart was married to his fiancée Raelene on the Saturday prior to Lions recent Nanda Cup match against Brisbane City.

Despite an injury which was keeping him out of the team and gave him an instant excuse to miss the match, Stewart was on the bench cheering the day after his wedding. Wife Raelene was, as always, patiently waiting in the stands.



JOHN FASHANAU — on his way.

OVER 600 people attended the Adelaide City Guernsey Presentation last week at the Ruggiero Centre.

All the club's players from the U/10 team to the NSL side collected their shirts for the 1986 season.

While on the Guernsey Night, near the bar a group of NSL players had a competition who had the biggest stomach — congratulation J.M.

WHO SAID SOCCER REPORTERS DON'T HAVE ANY PATIENCE!

Anyone who saw the calm if exasperated fashion in which SBS Soccer man LES MURRAY kept his head at the end of the Ansett Challenge Shield between Melbourne Croatia and Sydney Croatia would not have believed their eyes.

Imagine trying to interview one of the Melbourne Croatia blokes and having hundreds of kids jumping all over the cameras and Les himself!

Murder! But Les used tact, he kept his cool and his wits about him and only took about seven takes to get it right!!!

WE have heard that 1981 Adelaide City guest star Justin Fashanu's brother, John, who besides being a very good Soccer player is also a top boxer, will arrive in Adelaide shortly and he is looking for a club.

AN entertainment spectacular will be held early in June in Adelaide.

Adelaide City will bring a top overseas performer to boost its fund-raising drive. Major club sponsor Fairmont Homes will back the venture.

WITH a heap of the ASW staff already starring on SBS's Soccerama, notably John Warren, Ray Gatt, David Jack and Tom Anderson (not forgetting one time ASW man, Andy Paschalidis now of 2GB fame) the mystery remains as to why ASW's most marketable 'celebrity', Messrs. John Economos hasn't appeared.

The word is that the appearance money offered is not sufficient, according to John!!!

WHAT has happened to Marconi?

All of a sudden they've fallen in a heap. At the start of the season they were being heralded by all and sundry as near certain champions.

After making the quarter-finals of the Ampol Cup and winning the Invitation Soccer Tournament they have fallen into a monumental heap.

Losses to St. George in the Nanda Cup and Wollongong in the opening round of the OASL doesn't mean it is time to press the panic button but some quick regrouping of the club is desperately needed.

RAMPLEY STARTS JOB ON WRONG FOOT!

BY DAVID JACK

FIFA referee Peter Rampley, who retired at the end of last season, has been brought back into Soccer by the Olympic Airways National League.

Rampley will hold several important positions:—

- He will sit on the three-man Referee Appointments Board.
- Supervise the fitness of refs.
- Lecture to players on rules interpretation.
- Help with liaison between the NSL, the Referees Federation and ASF.

This is the sort of role Tony Boskovic was expected to fill when he quit refereeing two years ago but, apparently, Bosko was not acceptable to some of his former referee colleagues.

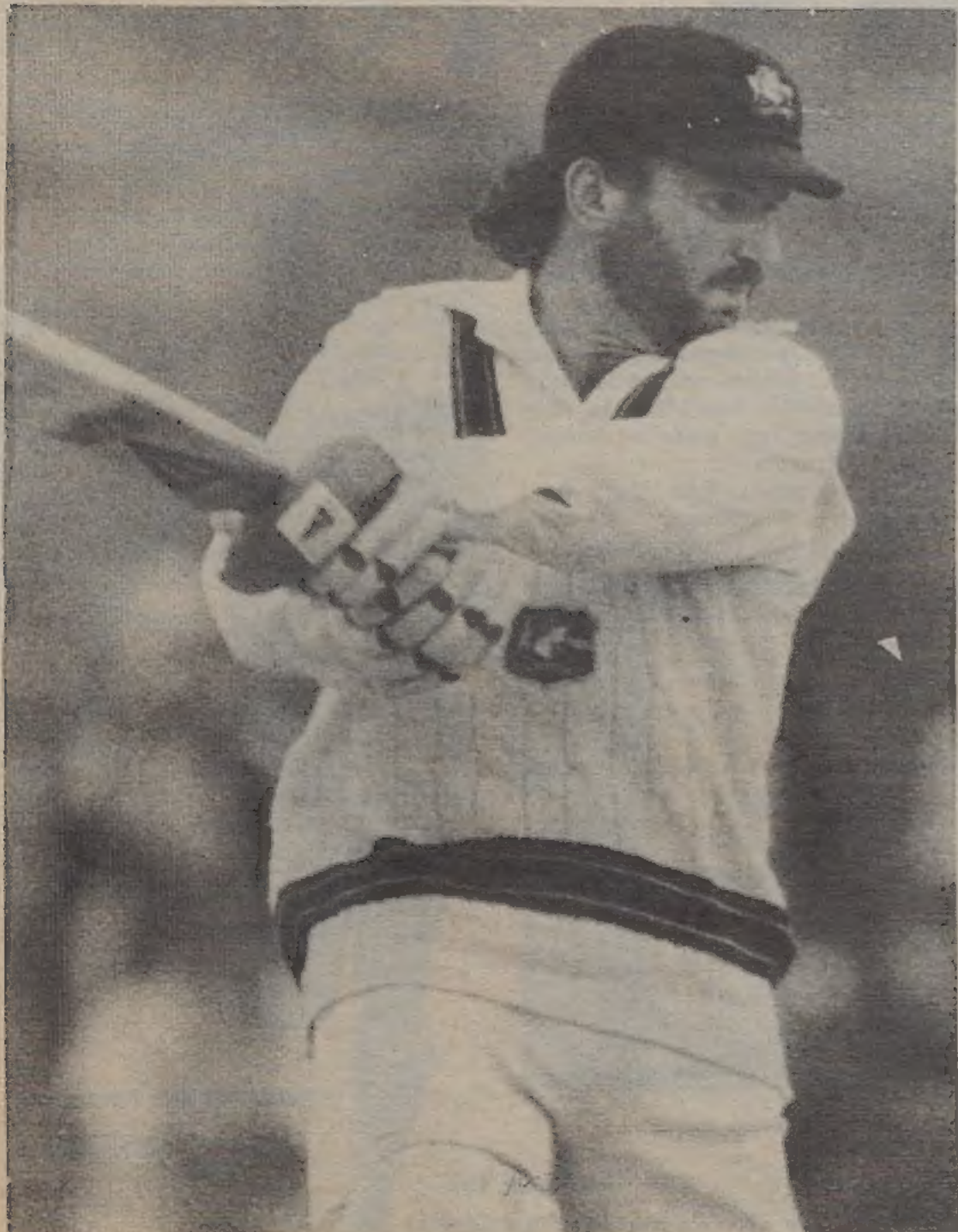
Peter Rampley spoke to coaches at an important meeting at the Marconi club last week, but he did not exactly get off on the right foot.

He limped into the meeting with a foot fracture.

Rampley works in the carpet business and was unloading some stock from his van when he caught his foot on the curb



RAMPLEY — broke his foot while unloading carpet of the road!



SOUTH KOREA — ASIA'S SHINING LIGHT

FRANK COLETTA surveys the minnows of Group A

THE great hope of the Orient in this year's World Cup is South Korea.

Already many have written off the skilful Asians as having little or no chance in Group A against World champs Italy, Argentina and Bulgaria.

As it stands though Italy do not have any great memories of matches against any Korean sides.

In 1966 South Korea's Northern neighbours caused one of the all time upsets in World Cup football with a 1-0 win over Italy in England.

That win is rivalled only by the major shocks such as the USA's 1-0 win over England in 1950, Peru's 3-1 win over Scotland in 1978 and Algeria's 2-1 win over West Germany in 1982.

South Korea began their campaign in March of last year against Nepal in Kathmandu with an emphatic 2-0 win.

With all the enthusiasm of the next Olympic Games in Seoul, the World Cup qualification of South Korea brought national fervour to an all time high.

The Olympic flame had well and truly ignited their football.

Korea's great start was quickly dented by their closest rivals Malaysia a week after when Korea lost 1-0 in Kuala Lumpur.

A month later in Seoul, South Korea asserted their authority with a 4-0 thrashing of Nepal.

The deciding match came in May 1985 against Malaysia.

Malaysia were on top of the group with five points and South Korea were one behind with this last game to play.

But the Koreans reversed the result from their first meeting, they took a 2-0 lead by half-time and held that score until full-time to qualify for the second round.

In this second round over two legs they had an emphatic aggregate victory over Indonesia, 2-0 in Seoul and 4-1 away in Jakarta.

In the final qualification round they had to meet Japan, (the most favoured team.)

But the Koreans were much too strong winning 2-1 in Tokyo.

In the return in Seoul, South Korea won 1-0 and booked their passage to Mexico.

The South Korean game is based on courage. They play in a course, sometimes clumsy, manner.

Actually the team of 1982 was possibly better than this one because it had a good array of technique and skill.

This squad though has limited skills and has little planning.

Against this, though, in their favour is that they are a side that will pressure opponents all the time.

In a South Korea newspaper recently this quote appeared from one of their journalists: "Sure we qualified but I feel that in Mexico we will find it extremely difficult to score even one goal."

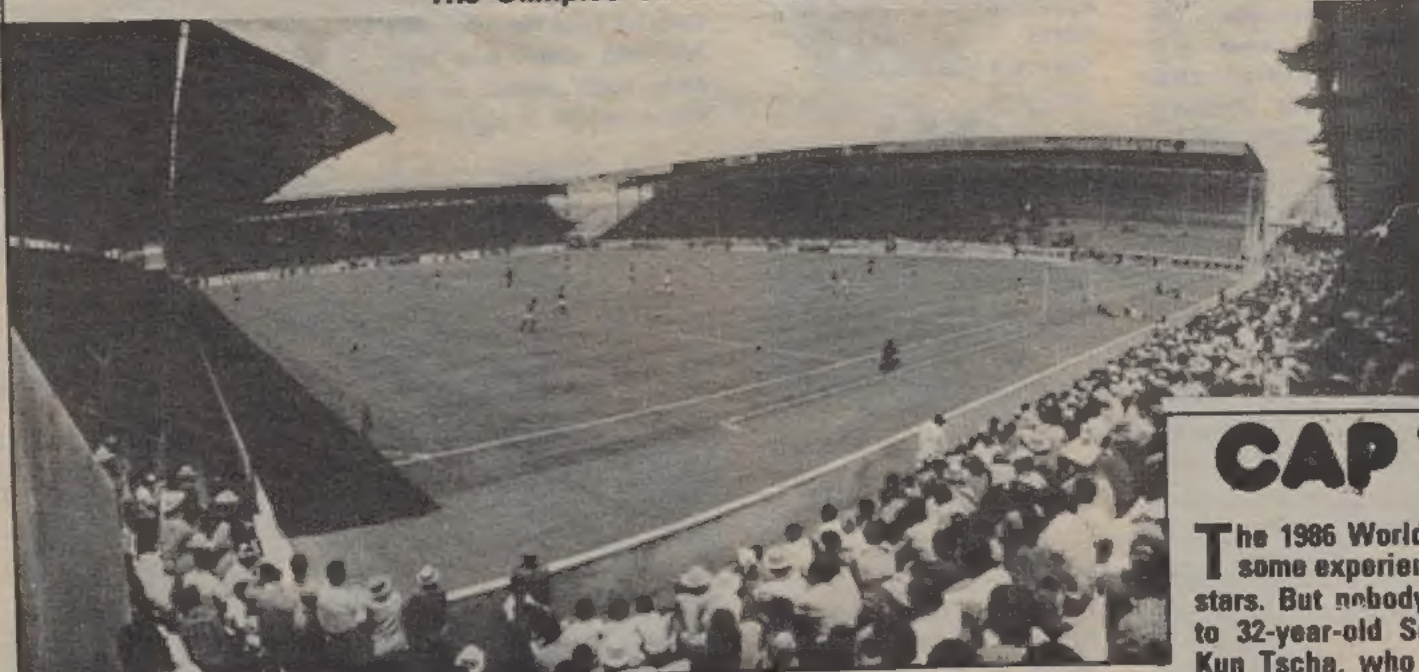
The possible presence of captain Cha Bum Kun, who plays for Bayer Leverkusen in West Germany will add something



Back: Jung Jong Hwan, Kim Joo Sung, Kim Jong Boo, Choj Soon Ho, Cho Min Kook, Jo Byung Duk - Front: Kim Pyung Suk, Park Kyung Hoon, Cho Kwang Rae, Lee Tae Ho, Park Chang Sun.



The Olimpico 68 Stadium in Mexico City



(Above) The Puebla stadium — Cuauhtemoc.

to their attack which to say the least is very weak.

In a recent friendly match in Brussels, the Koreans took on and beat Anderlecht 3-2.

1975 to 1978. His assistant is 34-year-old Kim Blo Geon who is in charge of the Under 16 national side.

My View

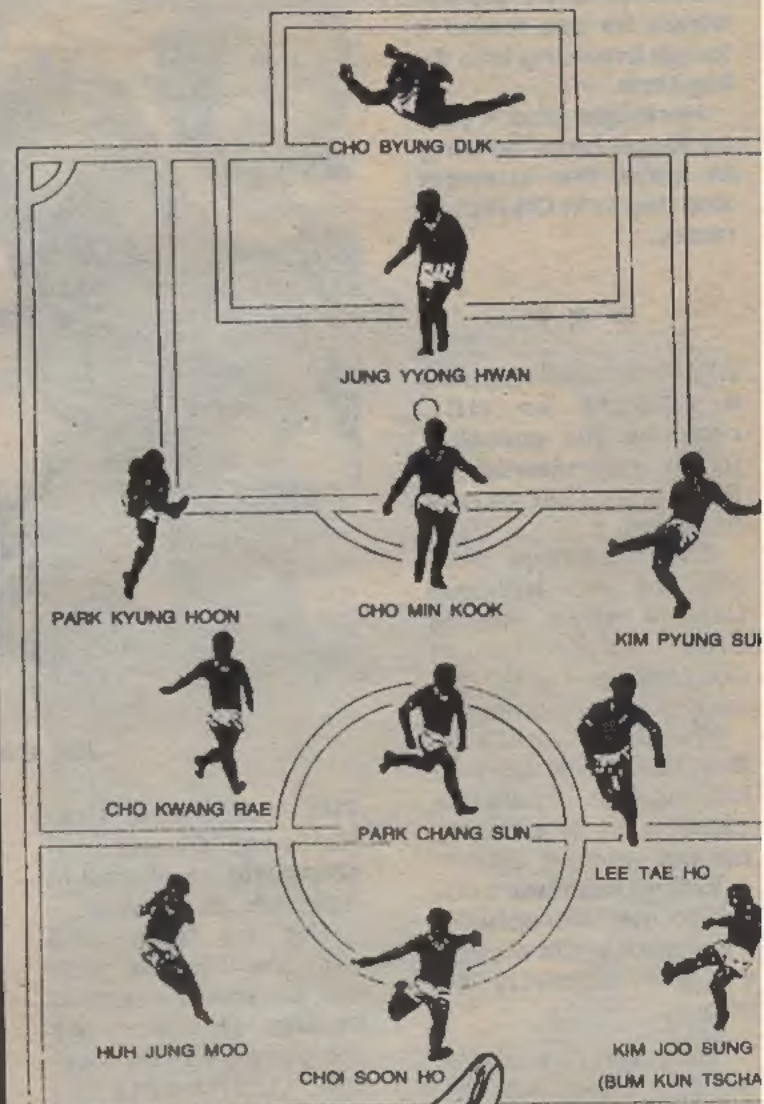
Will struggle to keep up with the big boys of Group A. Lacking strong defence and attack but could spring a surprise or two.

The manager is 42-year-old Kim Jung Nam a former international South Korean defender of the 1960s.

He previously was a selector of the side from

I reckon TV commentators John Motson and Brian Moore will be on bended knees praying to avoid the World Cup group that contains South Korea.

Just imagine the nerves before the kick-off, the world hanging on every word, the tension ... and the knowledge that you've got to get your gums round the following — Cho Byung Duk (left), Park Kyung Hoon, Jung Jong Hwan, Kim Pyung Suk, Park Chang Sun, Cho Kwang Rae, Lee Tae Ho, Choi Soon Ho, Cho Min Kook, Bum Kun Tscha, Kim Joo Sung and Kim Jong Hoon!



CAP THAT

The 1986 World Cup Finals will parade some experienced and multi-capped stars. But nobody will come close to 32-year-old South Korean Bum Kun Tscha, who holds no fewer than 141 caps.

Tscha (right), who plays for Bayer Leverkusen, started playing for his country in 1979.



NEXT WEEK: Focus on hosts, Mexico

PUEBLA CUAUHTEMOC	1 ITALY	13 BRASIL
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The board on the day of the official draw.

POSSIBLE SQUAD

Cho Byung Duk, Oh Yun Kyo, Park Kyung Hoon, Jung Yong Hwan, Cho Min Kook, Kim Pyung Suk, Cho Kwang Rae, Park Chang Sun, Lee Tae Ho, Huh Jung Moo, Byung Byung Joo, Bum Kun Tscha, Choi Soon Ho, Kim Joo Sung Kim Jong Boo.

MELITA EAGLES

= reflecting our roots

= symbolising our aspirations in
a new country



The Melita Committee with the President of Malta.



MANY would remember 1956 for it was a most eventful year. It was historical one for Soccer in NSW.

The Olympic Games were held in Melbourne; television made its debut in this country; Soviet tanks invaded Hungary; and Britain went to war over the Suez Canal.

Close to our heart, the NSW Federation of Soccer clubs (now the NSW Soccer Federation) was formed and Melita Eagles was one of its foundation members.

It was the year the Maltese came together to lay the foundation of a strong Soccer club, an amalgamation of the Malta Eagles and the Melita F.C.

Two of the protagonists of this now famous

amalgamation are still holding office with the club. Sam Vella the dynamic secretary and Lawrence Dimech the president.

Melita Eagles has always served as a model of the multi-cultural process, offering interaction in sports, as the name indicates: "Melita: reflecting our roots and Eagles symbolising our aspirations in a new country."

Melita Eagles are synonymous with stability. They run a good club and proudly boast that they have been making a reasonable profit in their Soccer operations for the last six seasons.

Melita Eagles trans-

formed itself from a mediocre Soccer club to a vibrant determined movement when in 1978 the council of the City of Parramatta agreed to lease to it part of Everley Park in South Granville for a home ground.

"The Eagles have landed," said the press and the supporters made a vow that they would turn this paddock into a stadium.

At that time Melita Eagles were part of the Phoenixian Club and the parent club assisted financially to establish the amenity block at our new found home. Melita Eagles and the Phoenixian



1986 SQUAD

Standing: from left: Dennis Hoggart (senior coach), Greg McCoy, Jim Meerbanl, Peter Hassan, Billy Griffiths, Warren Dalton, Dragon Pupovac, Len Vial, Craig Williams, Peter Stone, Birol Sertbas, Ken Wilson, Alan Wilson masseur. Sitting: Jim Gallacher (asst. coach) Collin McAusland, Derek Lalng, John Foxman, Wayne Farnsworth, Howard Tredinnick, Ray Farrugia, Victor Sammut, Senior team manager.

Club parted company on May 23, 1981.

As a club controlling its own destiny there was no holding Melita Eagles. They re-negotiated a new lease with Council and the Melita Stadium was on its way. Facilities were improved every season as a

result of the positive and valuable contribution given voluntarily by the many local supporters.

The culmination of years of hard work was the erection of a covered grandstand to seat 1,200, built at a cost of 1/2 million

dollars. Some \$300,000 was appropriated under the Community Employment Program, which is an initiative of the Federal and State Governments. The stand will be officially opened on April 6 by the Premier of NSW Mr N.K. Wran.

The Melita Stadium offers some of the best dressing room facilities in Sydney, has flood lights for night Soccer, a full international size pitch and seating facilities for another 3,000 people. Further improvements are planned for 1987.

"INSTABILITY IS SOCCER MAJOR PROBLEM"

ASW talks to Lawrence Dimech (Melita President)

THE newly elected President of the Melita Eagles, Lawrence Dimech a journalist and former consul for the Republic of Malta in NSW, is very angry.

"We have compromised on a vital and fundamental issue of promotion. It is a backward step and indeed a disastrous precedent. It was mooted by administrators in desperation. There must be promotion and relegation every season as this is the life line of Soccer."

"My club always believe that strong super state leagues are the obvious answer to Soccer. It is time to care for the clubs, give them time to build their financial resources. A national league was never the answer to our Soccer ills. Australia is too vast geographically and our clubs are not financially stable for such an undertaking."

"Soccer instability at the ASL level is frightening it is our major problem. How can you lead an aspiring club like Melita Eagles with all systems go, when the administrators keep changing directions."

"No, it is an ongoing recipe for heart failure" said the Melita Eagles President.

"Although we would

like to compete in the best competition going, this time we will be more cautious before we commit ourselves. The end of 1985 could present us with a different scene and it would be back to the drawing boards and more chances."

I would like to be optimistic but I am a realist" concluded Lawrence Dimech.

How do you manage our financial affairs to successfully when most clubs are in debt, was the obvious question to ask the president of Melita Eagles. "Our budget for 1986 season is for an estimated income of \$150,000. The various sections of our organisations such as the supporters group, the ladies auxiliary, the canteen committee and our social organisers are given a targeted amounts to be raised. You see, we generate our income."

We don't wait for it to fall into our lap from some licence club, therefore our organisation be-

comes an active, vibrant community continuously working. It generates a spirit of belonging to a club, going full speed ahead, where participation is the key and operative element.

Melita Eagles again secured sponsorships for all their teams including the youth league. Air Malta will sponsor the first grade team which is considered a breakthrough as this airline is new on the market.

Starline Motors of Granville is again sponsoring the second grade side for the fourth season in a row, whilst another Maltese enterprise, the bank of Valletta, came in with a sponsorship for our third grade. The package deal is substantial and compares well with any sponsorship received by NSL clubs.

"Our board of directors are active in all the spheres of endeavors, they do not mind getting their hands dirty, they are hard workers and the workload is shared."

On this our 30 anniversary of our club I would like to pay tribute to all our sub-committees, supporters sponsors and friends. The next 30 years should be easier. Lets practice our club motto "Forward Together".



Melita president — Lawrence Dimech



The new Melita Stand on the day of the presence of Her Majesty the President of Malta.

Some historical notes: —

- 1956: Melita Eagles joined the N.S.W. Federation of Soccer Clubs as a foundation member.
- 1979: First lease for the Everley Park land, signed.
- 1981: Current lease between the Parramatta City Council and Melita Eagles Ltd. signed covering the Melita Stadium and adjoining land.
- The Premier of N.S.W., Hon. N. K. Wran, officially opened the Melita Stadium.
- 1984: Approval to build and complete the covered grand stand, received. Funds appropriated under the Community Employment Program, an initiative of the Federal/State Labor Governments.
- • Melita Eagles Soccer Teams are sponsored for the 1986 season by:

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CLOUD HANGS OVER 'KAISER'

BY TOM ANDERSON

A WORLD Cup final series is always a renowned graveyard for managers and coaches of the participating nations and no doubt the coming finals in Mexico will be no exception.

With so much riding on the outcome, failure means national disgrace for some nations and someone has to shoulder the blame — in the majority of cases the managers or coaches in charge of the teams.

The most enthralling situation leading up to the Mexico show is the question mark hanging over the future of West German boss Franz "Der Kaiser" Beckenbauer.

No matter how his team perform — and everything points to their doing well — will he or will he not continue as German supremo after Mexico?

At this stage, Der Kaiser is uncommitted, but sources close to him state he will not stay on, as the job is too demanding for another spell.

The great Beckenbauer, arguably the best midfielder ever to lace on a pair of boots, is still a national hero in West Germany and enormously popular.

However he is in rather a strange situation in a country that goes by the book as far as coaching rules are concerned.

For Beckenbauer does not hold a coaching licence — which of course really means nothing when the chips are down.

For it is no secret that some so-called licenced coaches throughout the world are better equipped to hold dog licences, not football coaching licences.

But as Beckenbauer is in charge of the German

national team without a licence, it's not going down well with some of his jealous rivals.

The West German national team was in a horrible mess when Beckenbauer was called in to replace former national team boss Jupp Derwall.

For the first time ever, here was a German team that had completely lost its way and whose stocks were at an all time low.

It needed new ideas and vibrant leadership — which is what Der Kaiser brought with him.

He changed the pattern of play and rejuvenated the Germans into the power they have always been.

And having watched them perform against Russia in Moscow last year, I fancy them to make the top three at least in Mexico.

West Germany are a great side and now have Beckenbauer's expertise stamped all over them.

Beckenbauer's early start as German boss came under great criticism from the media.

They had six matches without a win — their worst run in post-war history and the troops on the terraces became restless. Beckenbauer discarded experienced players, then brought them back, switched formation and experimented at will.

He knew what he was doing and what he was after, but unfortunately those outside the national team set-up didn't and he came under great pressure.

The fans stayed away from national team games and things looked grim indeed for Der Kaiser.



FRANZ BECKENBAUER lifts the World Cup.

But then as planned it all came together culminating with the marvellous recent 2-0 victory over Brazil.

Der Kaiser is now back on his pedestal and everyone in West Germany is beginning to smell success in Mexico.

The German juggernaut has also been boosted by the likely return of a midfield genius Bernd Schuster back to the fold.

Schuster and Beckenbauer had a falling out and the Barcelona midfielder has not worn the German colours for quite a while.

But last week came the news of a likely transfer of Schuster back to Hamburg and this has brought about a solution to the differences between him and Beckenbauer.

Schuster is now likely to be included in the German squad for next month's World Cup warm-up game against Switzerland.

Beckenbauer himself is not going overboard about his World Cup chances but has stated he is confident of doing well.

"There are one or two sides such as France, Italy, Brazil and Argentina who are technically better than us at present but this might not be the case in Mexico when the action starts," he has declared.

More than any other nation, barring of course Brazil, the West German supporters expect success in a World Cup final series. They are used to it!

Beckenbauer himself is used to success at top level and was a member of the great West German teams that won the World Cup

and the European Nations Cup.

He also played in the teams that finished runners-up in these tournaments.

Obviously he doesn't only want to be remembered as a great player but also as a great coach.

It's an intriguing situation and one which the world is watching very closely.

Somehow I've got a feeling that Franz Beckenbauer and his team will be at the Azteca Stadium in Mexico City on Sunday June 29 participating in the big one — the World Cup final.

And if this does happen, then maybe after all, Franz Der Kaiser Beckenbauer will remain West German team boss for another spell. We can only hope.

IT'S THE BIG BATTLE OF TOP COACHES ON SUNDAY

SAYS DAVID JACK

NOBODY who keeps a close eye on the Australian coaching scene would ever suggest that Frank Arok of St George and Rale Rasic of Apia Leichhardt are the best of buddies!

Rasic, a national hero when he took Australia to the World Cup finals in 1974, has never forgiven or forgotten the way he has been rejected by the establishment ever since.

The recently appointed Apia coach is convinced he, and not Frank Arok, is the man who should be in charge of the Socceroos.

Arok, for his part, dismisses such talk as nonsense and indeed, is anything but an admirer of Rale Rasic's coaching.

These two men come from Yugoslavia and one is tempted to wonder if their feuding was inspired by some clash in their homeland many years ago!

Next Sunday we shall see the intriguing Rasic v Arok battle masquerading as St George v Apia in the Olympic Airways National League.

A coach is only as good as the players in his team, yet, in isolated cases such as the Saints and Apia confrontation, coaches assume paramount importance.

From pre-season form, nobody should be tipping either Rasic or Arok to carry off the NSL title.

Saints desperately need goalscoring forwards. Apia, as their disastrous defeat in the Nanda Cup indicates, have a defence which can be riddled and humiliated on a given day.

Strangely enough, Rasic went to the old enemy Frank Arok recently in a bid to strengthen the Apia defence.

So Vic Bozanic moved clubs — from Saints to Apia.

Bozanic, more than any player next Sunday, will be out to prove that he can

play the Saints front men out of the match.

And Apia have other surprises up their sleeves, including the selection of two or three top Polish players, including the World Cup hero Gregorz Lato... assuming the tedious transfer formalities are completed in time.

St George have no such headline-grabbing plans for next Sunday's match.

Coach Arok will rely on the mixture as before — experienced campaigners like the O'Shea boys, David Ratcliffe and David Skeen reinforced by this year's new faces, including the promising Craig Moffitt.

St George and Apia have staged many memorable matches over the years.

Who could ever forget the grand finals of 1967 and 1969 when players like Stan Ackerley, David Cliss, Archie Blue and John Warren brightly illuminated the State Soccer stage in Sydney?

There may not be so many quality players around now but this does not alter the fact that any game between Saints and Apia has to be an important one and almost certainly a crowd-pleaser.

There will be many fierce individual contests at St George Stadium next Sunday but I wonder if any will match the war of words likely to come from the bench where Rale Rasic and Frank Arok will be urging on their respective teams.

I look forward keenly to this Saints v Apia affair next Sunday. It is building up into one of the most significant confrontations of the whole year.



ST GEORGE vs APIA

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 6

KICK-OFF 3PM

YOUTH LEAGUE 12.45PM

AT ST GEORGE STADIUM

Saints are proudly sponsored by Lotto and Lemair



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TERRY BUTLER



DAVID SKEEN



ROBBIE O'SHEA



Mike O'Shea

ALL IS QUIET ON ADELAIDE FRONT

BY VIC MIGLIACCIO

AS the 1986 NSL begins its 10th year of existence, all is very quiet here in Adelaide.



CHARLIE YANKOS (centre)

The burning question is can Adelaide ever again become the Soccer Capital of Australia, as it was back in 1978, when it was nothing out of the ordinary for a PSL match to attract over 10,000 fans?

The answer is... yes it can be, but first and foremost both SA NSL representatives must produce the goods.

Those fans are still around. They are no different from the millions of

other supporters around the globe, they would not pay money to watch bad Soccer.

It's pleasing to see that Adelaide Hellas administration have spent so much time, effort and money to improve the team's image. They have bought Socceroo defenders Charlie Yankos and Robbie Dunn, plus Scottish midfielder Brian McLaughlin, and if that is not enough, Hellas secretary Con Toskalas said this week, that his club is about to sign another Scottish player.

"The player is 6ft tall, a striker and should arrive here ready to play early in May. He is currently playing for a club in the Scottish Premier League."

Hellas preparations, under coach Neil McGachey, were progressing well enough to think the side could have repeated the 1978 effort, in winning the league.

But things went sour for them four weeks ago when in front of 5,000 supporters they lost 1-0 to Rothmans League club Beograd in the Ampol Cup semi-final.

As a result, the supporters started to lose faith in the team, so that two weeks later when they beat local side Salisbury United 3-0 in the first round of the Nanda Cup, there were less than 2,000 fans in attendance.

It's plain to see that with players of such calibre at their disposal, Hellas are capable of big things, but the chemistry of a successful team has not yet been established.

As you were, is the order at Adelaide City, the other SA representative for this coming season. With the club's financial situation being far from healthy, they have not bought any big name players, and will rely on new coach Zoran Matic to

rejuvenate last year's side and introduce a couple of top juniors for good measure.

However negotiations are well underway for the purchase of a midfielder and a defender from first division club San Lorenzo, Argentina. The present Adelaide City squad are talented, settled and well prepared and they're aiming higher than their best placing so far, a fourth in the first NSL season in 1977.

**WELL DONE
S.A.S.F.**

ANOTHER pat on the back for the South Australian Soccer Federation.

This season they have organised in terms of cash sponsorship over \$100,000. Most of it will be up for grabs for affiliated clubs.

It is estimated that if a club wins the Rothmans League and two of the four cup competitions it would make around the \$30,000 mark.

The list of the cups are: Ampol Cup Night competition. PGH Knockout

competition. End of the season West End top 8 cup and the Coca-Cola top 4 cup.

The SA Rothmans League Round 3 will be played this Saturday April 5 when: Salisbury v Polonia — Azzurri v Beograd. Hellas v Para Hills — Croatia v Birkalla, Modbury v Elizabeth and Grange v Campbelltown.

— Vic Migliaccio

ADELAIDE HELLAS 1986



Back Row: (coach) Neil McGachey, Alistair Crook, Mike Genikas, Brenton Hiern, Robbie Dunn, Chris Manou, Tim Brown, Lou Hristodoulou, Theo Stamatopoulos.

Middle Row: Steve Papadopoulos, Graham Honeyman, Nick Mousoulis, Charlie Yankos, Gary Sproul, Brian McLaughlin.

Front Row: George Konstandopoulos, Garry Price, Alan Scott.



MARCONI vs HAJDUK



MARCONI OVAL

WEDNESDAY NIGHT APRIL 2

MARK JANKOVICS

DAVID LOWE

ROD BROWN

Young veteran players from Hajduk Split Yugoslavia who have achieved the most in the history of the club

Ivica Surjak	Played 550 Matches for Hajduk
Ivan Buljan	402
Sime Luketin	302
Dragan Holcer	419
Radomir Vukcevic	402
Ivica Hlefnjak	665
Vinko Cuzzi	434
Miroslav Fenc	315
Zvonko Bego	375
Ivo Bego	253
Ante Ilikovic	233
Mann Lemesc	238
Micun Jovanic	393
Mann Kovacic	175
Pero Nadoleza	460
Sinisa Fulgozi	144

And other well known players
Players from Hajduk who represented Yugoslav National team

Surjak	70	Cup Games
Holcer	52	
Buljan	60	
Vukcevic	9	
Cuzzi	8	
Bego 2	6	
Hlefnjak	3	

INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

Ivica Surjak — Hajduk — Udinese — Sevilla
(Hajduk captain Yugoslav National team)
Ivan Buljan — Hajduk — Hamburg — Sime
Luketin — Hajduk — SOS (France) and others.

LES SCHEINFLUG
(Marconi coach)

Marconi are proudly
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"REFUND STILL AVAILABLE?"

I have just spent the weekend in Sydney. Being a keen Soccer fan, I decided to end my weekend at Barton Park — for the double-header St George v Marconi and Olympic v Apia Leichhardt.

Thank goodness it was a double-header, otherwise, I'd have wanted a refund, had the first game been the only one on offer.

I lost count of the number of fouls — mainly obstruction and tripping — conceded by St George. A fellow spectator stopped counting at 40!! I personally remember, 5 consecutive fouls awarded against the same St George defender, without further action from the referee.

Has Mr Davies never read the section on "persistent foul play"? It is one thing to award the fouls, but another and far more important achievement, to put a stop to persistent offences, such as St George inflicted on the spectators, to say nothing of the opposing players.

To me, it was patently obvious that having witnessed the Marconi 3-0 victory in midweek, St George men (I will not call them players, at least not on this performance) had been instructed to obstruct and disrupt play at every turn.

This play can only succeed with referees who, not having played the game at any decent level themselves and who have learned the rules (or some of them) "parrot-fashion", have no awareness of what is being done.

Mr Davies fell for it and though awarding countless free kicks and yellow cards — failed to allow the game to flow. As I've previously said — had it been the only game — I'd have wanted to refund of admission money from Messrs Arok and Davies whom I hold jointly responsible from a farce.

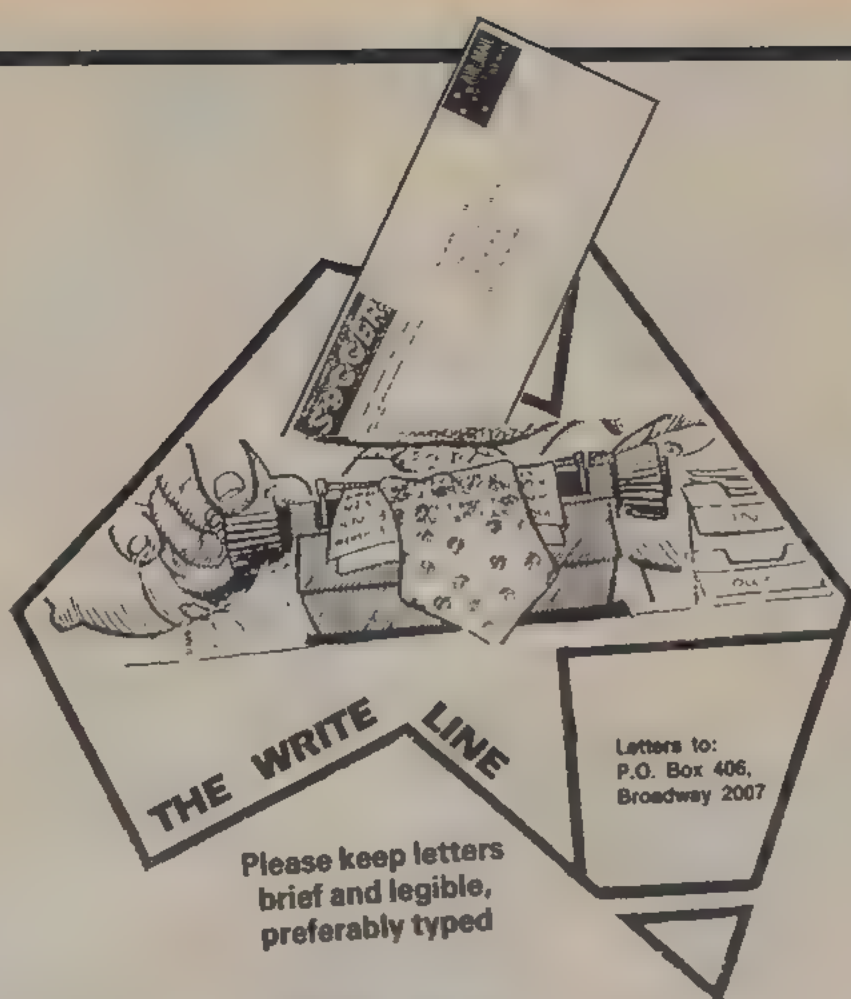
On a brighter note — thank goodness for the second game — in which Olympic gave a fine exhibition of fast-flowing team work — culminating in six goals which pleased all fans — parochial and neutral.

Olympic look a fine side and provide exciting, entertaining football and will surely be among the serious championship contenders.

Sorry about the "referee bashing" especially since you've said you would avoid it, but I feel very strongly — that that "game" was not in the best interests of our great game.

Finally as a novocastrian, Sunday provided much food for thought — to see so many ex-Newcastle players on view — even St George have a couple who were not selected — makes one think what kind of team Newcastle SHOULD have and I wonder who is to blame — the paying public or the administrators up here — a bit of both, I suspect. But we've certainly been let down badly.

J. Jones,
Adamstown, NSW.



**THANKS
TERRY**

THANK you for highlighting the problems concerning the promotion of our game in Australia (ASW 11/3/86).

You are not the first, nor will you be the last to write about these problems, but what I cannot understand is, if you and all the other Soccer writers know what the problems are and continue to write about them, why don't the men at the top take any notice?

You are so right in all your points, especially when you said that Soccer cannot survive just because it's a great game. What it needs is professional promotion.

For the past two years, Wagga has held a "Sport and Leisure Show" and the Wagga Soccer Association had a display site. This is an ideal way to promote, not only local Soccer but also the NSL.

Rugby League and Australian Rules had sites and they concentrated mainly on the Sydney and Melbourne Leagues and its stars. I wrote to the ASF for any items at all to promote the NSL before the last leisure show and I received the attached reply and 4 banners.

Luckily, Blacktown City sent me a box of the Kevin Keegan magazines and some NSL books which are published monthly but are only available from NSL clubs. These NSL books would be a perfect opportunity to promote the NSL but by making them available only through the clubs, it is preaching to the converted and not catering for new readers or fans.

I cannot understand why, if a Soccer association is willing to promote Soccer, it cannot get sufficient material to promote the premier league in Australia from the government body.

Keep up the good work, both in goals and in your column.

Mick Creed,
Wagga.

P.S. Could you please assist with a 1986 draw for the NSL.

ASW'S WOMEN'S ARTICLE SUPPORTED

I'VE just finished reading "A Letter From an Angry Mum" in this week's ASW.

I don't profess to understand the politics of Soccer but, the letter is very unfair to Mr John Economos.

I looked at last week's issue and read Mr Economos' column again. In fact it came across to me that he was sympathetic with the girls, but that they had gone about it the wrong way. Mrs Heydon wrongly wrote he "put THEM down."

John Economos seems to be more angry at the administrators of the NSW WASF. It also comes across to me that he feels that the girls have been used as scapegoats, for whatever grievances, between NSW Federation and AWSA. I may be wrong. I don't think so.

The reason I think that is so is because he clearly writes, and I quote "and a plea to the AWSA, please hear them out."

Mrs Heydon complains about publicity for Women's Soccer. That's not his fault. If anyone, John Economos has supported them more than any other journalist. He has done more than his job.

I'm sure Mrs Heydon will continue to read ASW. It's a pity she aimed her anger at Mr Economos.

She might have done better to write to the AWSA if she already hasn't done so.

"Troy" — Ryde

URUGUAYAN CONNECTION A WOLVES LIFELINE

BY PHIL MURPHY

WOLLONGONG CITY are pinning their hopes of survival in the National League on former Uruguayan internationals Saul Rivero and Leonad Arcosa.

Rivero, 28, has already settled into the Wolves' midfield and Arcosa will fly in this week ready to play with his new club on Sunday.

Wolves' coach John Fleming said he hardly expected to be having two South Americans in his team when he took the job late last year.

He said his aim was to bring a couple of players from the UK but he wasn't able to recruit the right talent through his contacts there.

"I wasn't having much luck at all when striker David Batten told me about a Uruguayan he had been playing against in an Ethnic Cup match in Sydney," Fleming said.

"It turned out to be Rivero but he was only in Sydney on a holiday and had to return to Uruguay almost immediately.

"Our chairman Laurie Kelly worked hard to arrange work visas for Rivero and he has looked very impressive since joining my squad."

Rivero played with Penarol and Liverpool in Uruguay and was a teammate of Arcosa with both clubs as well as in the national team.

He recommended Arcosa to the Wollongong club and once again they worked quickly to get the South American here.

Fleming said Arcosa has played mostly in the midfield but has plenty of experience up front. "This is where I will be looking to use him," the coach said.

He said he has naturally had to alter his team's style of play to accommodate Rivero and hopes he might not have to make further changes for Arcosa.

"It is something of a novelty for Wollongong City to have players like these two but I am hoping they can create their own special magic to keep us out of the danger zone this season," Fleming said.

"We know just how vital the 1986 season is going to be but after what we have achieved in pre-season matches I am confident we can hold our own."

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

SATURDAY 5th APRIL

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Kingsford	vs Canterbury & Dist	Kensington Oval
Gladesville Hby	vs Bathurst 75	Pioneer Park

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Port Hacking	vs Bondi Marine	Seymour Shaw Pk
Baulkham Hills	vs Moorebank	Ted Horwood Res

SUNDAY 6th APRIL

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

Melita Eagles	vs Uruguayan Auburn	Melita Stadium
Wollongong Mac	vs Manly Warringah	Berkeley Sports Grd
Fairy Meadow	vs Sutherland Shire	Corrimal Memorial Pk
Warringah F'water	vs Rockdale Ilinden	Narrabeen F/C
Ku-ring-gai	vs Polonia	Parklands Oval
Penrith City	vs Avala	Cook Park

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Campbelltown City	vs Bankstown Nat	Lynwood Park
North Bankstown	vs Dee Why	Potts Park
Queens Park E/S	vs Blacktown United	Erskineville Oval
Artamon	vs SSC Yugal	Artamon Res

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Campbelltown Gunners	vs Mt Druitt Town	Bensley Rd S/C
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THE INDOOR SOCCER BOOM

THERE is a little doubt that indoor Soccer is going to play an increasingly more important role in the development of Soccer in Australia.

The game, in various forms, has been around for quite some time now, played by thousands of young and older players of both sexes.

The game is also played in various forms with distinctly different laws.

There is the European style game played off perimeter-walls and the North American game which similarly uses perimeter-walls.

The latter is the type of indoor Soccer played at Ken Kaiser's Speed Soccer Centre in Newcastle.

FIFA, the world body is also coming out with its own brand of the indoor game later this year.

The FIFA bosses are more than concerned with the rapid growth of the indoor game and wishes to establish its authority over all those playing the various forms of indoor Soccer.

I wish FIFA the best of luck, because I doubt whether they will be able to do just that.

Apart from the above forms of Indoor Soccer, there is another type — Futebol de Salon or Saloon Football, which is the most popular indoor game in the world.

Its origins stem from South America and it ranks alongside football, volleyball and basketball as the most popular spectator and participants sport in the South American continent.

During a six week spell with the world famous Flamengo club in Rio de Janeiro in October/November of 1984 I was able to take a close look at Saloon Football and it is really a fantastic game.

It is played on a volleyball, basketball or tennis court and is five a side — one goalkeeper and four field players who can be substituted regularly, ice hockey/basketball style.

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kids in Brazil are brought up on saloon football.

It is played with a smaller, heavier ball and all kids in Brazil are brought up on saloon football.

It is a tremendous skill training game and the heavier ball, which does not bounce, means that the game is played on the ground most of the time.

The Australian Indoor Soccer Federation is currently in Brazil seeking the rights to stage the

World Championships in Australia as part of the Bi-Centennial celebrations in 1988.

The delegation takes the backing of the Federal Government with highly supportive letters from the Prime Minister himself as well as the Minister for Sport, Tourism and Recreation, John Brown.

A Federal Government official from the Ministry accompanied President Joe Brent and Executive Director Dennis Murray on the trip to Sao-Paulo.

Should the Indoor Soccer people, as expected, win the right to stage the

world finals in Australia in 1988, the indoor game is set to take off in a big way.

Australia's main rival for staging the 1988 World Championships is Paraguay.

In the last World Championships in Spain last year, Brazil (who else) — emerged world champions.

The following is are port on those World Championships from well known Soccer media man Andrew Paschalidis who accompanied the Australian team to Spain.

AUSTRALIANS IN SPAIN

WORLD CUP 1985

AUSTRALIA SETS WORLD SCENE ALIGHT

By Andrew Paschalidis, who toured with the side

Australia passed its most critical test following the staging of the 1985 World Indoor Soccer Championships in Spain.

While the results might not indicate a major shock win or qualification into the finals, Australia surprised many people with its own style in a sport it has just adopted.

On paper, Australia was considered one of the easy beats of the series, and it was this tag which made the team even more determined to succeed.

Being grouped with the host country Spain, South American side Uruguay and Canada is not an easy feat. Even the lowly rated Canadians had enjoyed two fairly successful tours of Brazil.

Australia's first game was against Uruguay in Cadiz and, disappointed, it was this match which cost the side a chance to move into the play-offs.

In the first seven minutes Alan Walker, Steven Knight and Nigel Browne combined only to be denied by the Uruguayan keeper.

Australia showed its class but two defensive lapses in the last minute of the first half cost Australia the match. Tellechea was left unmarked and his shot on the turn gave Craig Carlisle no chance in the Australian goal while a shot in the top corner by Nunez made it 2-0.

It was Nunez who made it 3-0 just three minutes into the second half when his shot hit the underside of the crossbar and went in.

Australia fought gamely to get back into the match but to no avail.

Captain Alan Walker summed up the team's feelings after the game.

"We gave them too much respect. We should have gone at them. They were a great side but we could have caused the major shock of the series," he said.

Walker's summation of the Uruguayans was on the ball. Even the Spanish coach, Juan Montero was very impressed. The night before his team demolished Canada 9-1 in the opening game of the series before a crowd of about eight thousand in Huelva.

"Although we thrashed Canada I expect a tough match against the Australians."

"Three stupid defensive lapses made the score look like one way traffic for the Uruguayans," Montero said. Australia was brought down to earth in the second match.

Spain was determined to maintain its dominating form and while the Australians gave everything they held in reserve, they just weren't in the race.

Spain inflicted an 11-0 victory over the visitors in Port St. Maria.

Indeed, everything went right for the home side. Francisco Lorens, regarded as one of the world's best indoor players, caused most of the damage scoring four brilliantly executed goals.

Australia bounced back in the final game of the series defeating Canada 6-1.

Canada opened the scoring in the fourth minute but Urkin Osman scored in the eighth and eleventh minutes, while Robbie Stuart added two in the second half and Victorians Nigel Browne and Paul Brabbin scored a goal apiece.

While the scoreline appears to indicate it was Australia's best performance, many agreed the first match against Uruguay was our greatest result.

So Australia finished eighth in the 12 team series, an excellent result when considering it was their first World Championship.

One of the most notable aspects which stood out during the tour was the hospitality and support from players in different teams.

Several Australian players were constantly trying to improve their knowledge of the game and were never short of help from opposing players.

Personally, I felt there were several outstanding performances. Alan Walker led his team, once again, to perfection. Craig Carlisle was exceptional in goal, Steve Knight was a tireless worker, Robbie Stuart enjoyed a successful international debut — the list goes on.

More importantly, the team proved to be outstanding ambassadors for Australia. Everywhere they travelled in Spain they were swamped by autograph hunters and people who just wanted to talk about Australia.

All in all, it was a great tour and one which has left some lasting memories for the players and officials.



World Cup team on visit to Huelva, 1985

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

THE three-way battle for the services of utility player Phil Matias is over and he will turn out with premier league club Aris.

Matias, who three years ago had a break from Soccer to have a season of rugby league with Dapto, was wanted by Wollongong City Warilla Wanderers and Aris this year.

He joined the Wolves from Warilla last season but coach John Fleming told him he wasn't required in 1986.

The club then had injury problems and Wollongong had second thoughts about Matias but by that time he had started training with Aris.

Warilla stepped in to claim Matias was their player and was only on loan to the NSL club but Wolves' secretary John Vietstra revealed they had handed over a full playing strip as payment for the player.

Finally the Wolves dropped out of the battle to leave it between the two district clubs so the ISA could make a final ruling.

Aris have made a transfer payment and Matias played for them in the opening premiership match against Cringila at the weekend.

aren't over impressed with Coast State league teams Fairy Meadow or Wollongong Macedonians on and off the field.

In pre-season trials Aris beat Fairy Meadow 3-2 and Macedonians 2-0 and coach Robert Fryer said the general standard in the State competition can't be too strong.

Off the field Macedonians struck a deal with Aris over their trial at Berkeley Sportsground.

Fryer said Macedonians officials said they wouldn't hand over a share of the gate money but would give Aris 60 free passes and supply a dozen jugs of beer for their players in the club later.

The passes were forthcoming and Macedonians charged \$3 admission but the Aris players went thirsty.

When they returned to the club there wasn't a Macedonian official in sight and Fryer said they bought their own drinks.

"We won't be caught out a second time," Fryer said.

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The Allfab \$1000 knockout staged by Shellharbour finished dramatically when Port Kembla edged out the host club in the last game.

In its second season the popular floodlight series attracted good crowds and a great finale when Port Kembla needed to beat Shellharbour by four goals in the last match.

Joe Moreno's side did exactly that and took home the major slice of the prizemoney.

Eddie Gutierrez scored the vital third and fourth goals in the second half after Shellharbour appeared far too confident they had the series in their keeping.

In the other match on the last night Aris and South Croatia gave an entertaining exhibition in a four-all draw.

Sponsors Allfab have indicated they will stage the series again next season.

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Illawarra grand final winners last season Aris

Goalkeeper Natch Vardareff and utility player Phil Kerr have joined Fairy Meadow in a swap deal that saw Reg Chilby go to Wollongong City.

Chilby was needed by the Wolves to fill in for injured sweeper Scott Dickson but Kerr will prove a handy asset to the State league club.

He had only limited chances in the NSL but was a very good club man for the Wolves after coming up through their youths squad.

Equally at home in defence or midfield, Kerr is highly regarded by Fairy Meadow coach Mike Johnson.

Vardareff last played under Johnson back in 1980 when he helped Wollongong Macedonians win the State second division grand final.

He will be vying for the first grade spot at Fairy Meadow with youngster John Krajnovic.

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West-Figtree have lured goalkeeper Kel Potter out of retirement and he looks like being their first choice 'keeper this season.

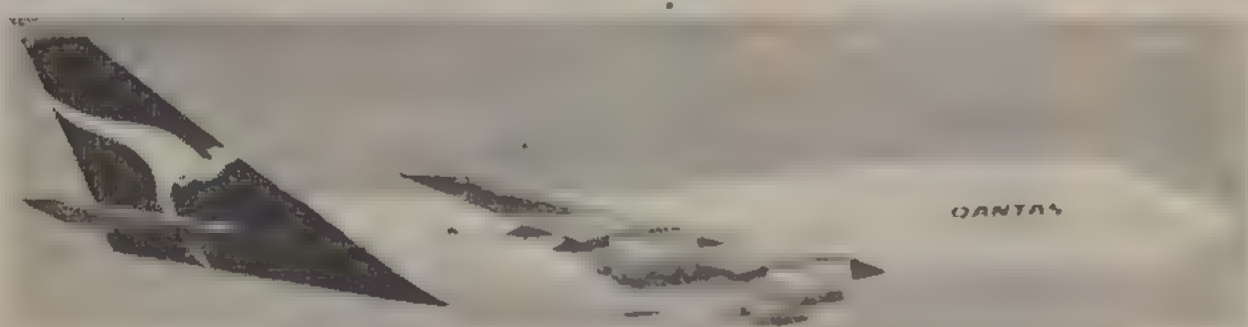
Potter, who played for the club when they won the grand final nine years ago, hasn't played since 1979.

Figtree were struggling to get a reasonable first grade side together a few weeks back but they now have a line-up capable of getting into the semi-finals.

The only early season problem is that fullback Paul Cole is suspended for the first two premiership games.

It seems he somehow managed to get sent off in a trial match.

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BUTTERCUP BAKERIES

THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

AS BLAND AS POSSIBLE

FORMER State League coach Mal Bland has put his reputation on the line with his Brisbane team to play Ipswich in the annual intercity challenge at Perry Park on Saturday night (April 5).

Bland, who achieved considerable success with Eastern Suburbs in the state league, stunned many observers when he named his 14-man squad for the clash, which is a Queensland team selection trial.

There were no less than five players 28 years or older in his squad, and two were making comebacks.

They are Bland's team captain Eric Thompson and North Star striker Alan Marley.

Thompson, 34, is back playing with Mount Gravatt after retiring to coach them three years ago. Marley, a former New Zealand international, is back in the limelight after a series of major knee operations and spending recent seasons playing in lower grades.

The Brisbane squad is: Robert Farrow (Lions), Mike Mulvey (Lions-like to be replaced by Gerry Kay, Grange Thistle), Gordon Otto (Olympic), Mike Cernaka (Olympic), Peter Tyson (Pending transfer to Olympic), Eric Thompson (Mount Gravatt), Alan Marley (North Star), Gordon Buchanan (North Star), Ian Brown (Grange Thistle), Keith Marsh (Grange Thistle), Phil Thompson (Easts) Jim McDonagh (Lions but trialling with Easts).

Bland dismissed the criticism that his team was a "pensioners picnic" and said he had picked players who had shown form in the QSF's XXXX pre-season competition which had been the official selection trials.

"I am all for enthusiasm and youth, but I am out there to win this match. I needed experienced play-

ers in vital positions," Bland said.

"The players I picked are the ones who performed in the XXXX, it's as simple as that, besides at the level we are playing at, any players are reaching their peaks at 28 to 30. Eric Thompson at 34 certainly isn't past it."

Stinging criticism came from some quarters, sug-

gesting Bland should have fielded youngsters or those with state team aspirations.

But Bland challenged the critics to name a player in his team who would not want to wear the Maroon.

"If the team fails then I should answer for it but let's give these guys a chance and wait until after the final whistle," he said.



ROB FARROW — (right)

MORTON IS ELECTRIC

"ELECTRIC" is how Brisbane Lions officials and players are describing the club's new Scottish signing Jim Morton.

Morton has been dazzling in training since he arrived last week and the club is confident he will prove to be the answer to the goalscoring problems which cost Lions any serious championship challenge in the past.

Morton, 29, was signed after extensive and secret negotiating. The club was tipped off about the St Johnston star by former player John Sime, now coach at Easts.

But the approaches to the Scotsman had to be secret as one of his St Johnstone team — mates was Frank Liddell, who until this year was a retained Brisbane City player.

But the Lions efforts appear set to pay off: in training Morton has dazzled with his skills and his fierce shooting is reminiscent of that of former Lions guests players Bob Latchford and Alan Sunderland.

Morton is well credentialled, having played for Scotland "B" 12 times. He is a former Dundee player, transfer-

ring to second division St Johnstone in 1974 for \$90,000.

He is a regular scorer, having reached double figures nearly every season since joining the club.

Morton surprised Lions officials when he arrived

and displayed such an intense knowledge of Australian Soccer. He even had studied a video of Queensland's 1983 win over New South Wales.

"I'd love to play for Queensland," he said.



BOB LATCHFORD (left)

MILLMAN'S CAREER APPEARS OVER

THE representative career of tireless Queensland striker Ron Millman appears to be over.

Millman was overlooked by Ipswich selectors when naming the City's team for the annual clash with Brisbane at Perry Park.

Millman's exclusion was largely to do with his pending move from premier league club Ipswich United to Brisbane-based intermediate league side Redlands United.

The rules of the intercity challenge allow only those players registered on the night of the match with clubs within the respective city bounds to play for the representative teams.

Ipswich selectors, coach Gary Wilkins and manager John Roderick, were unsure when Millman would switch clubs — he delayed his move to play for United in the Nanda Cup — and on the basis of uncertainty ruled him ineligible.

It was a move which stunned Brisbane coach Mal Bland.

"If I'd known he was available for Brisbane I would have picked him," Bland said.

The Ipswich team was largely predictable with many of the players who lost last year's clash with Brisbane on penalties fronting again.

The Ipswich team is: Richie Barnard, John Bennett, Bevan Bohan,

Damien Butler, Brett Kitching, Paul McClure, Randall McKeand, Wayne Warren (all Ipswich United), Mark Brusasco,

Kevin Caldwell, Ian Lawrie (pending transfer), Mark McNaughton, Bruce Penman, Davie Wheeler (all Coalstars).



RON MILLMAN, retired.

'WE'RE IN MONEY' SING IRISHMEN

BY TOM ANDERSON

LITTLE Northern Ireland are not by any stretch of the imagination one of the world's wealthiest Soccer nations in fact it can be truthfully said they are always struggling to make ends meet.

However, a tremendous marketing campaign has given the Irish players a great boost for their tilt at the World Cup finals in Mexico in June.

In fact the Northern Ireland players have hit the Jackpot as far as the World Cup is concerned, with more than \$800,000 waiting to be banked for them.

Four years after finding themselves the poor man in Spain in the 1982 finals, the Irish have vowed not to sell themselves short again.

To that end, they launched a marketing campaign with the Irish Football Association last week which should make them the envy of their Cup rivals, as it is hoped the pool will top \$400,000.

The IFA has agreed that the lion's share of that will go to the players, who are also due \$200,000 for qualifying for the

finals and have been given a \$270,000 incentive to reach the knock-out stages.

It is indeed a far cry from the 1982 Finals in Spain, when the players came home having earning just \$2,400 a man for their marvellous exploits.

"We have learned our lessons from Spain," declared Irish captain Sammy McIlroy.

"We came back from Spain almost empty-handed and the money was embarrassing.

"This time we have no worries. Everything is well organised and the players are really happy with the way things are being handled.

"We are especially happy with the IFA's cooperation."

So, if all goes well in Old Mexicana in June, Irish eyes will certainly be smiling — all the way to the bank!



SAMMY McILROY Irish captain

THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

AUSTRALIA BATTLES IN NEW ZEALAND

By JOHN ECONOMOS

THE AUSTRALIAN Women's Soccer team flew out of Sydney last Thursday morning...Destination: Christchurch, New Zealand. Mission: To win the Second Oceania Cup Tournament.

Australia last Saturday, in their first Cup match, met the Cup holders, the powerful and well-drilled New Zealand A side, skippered by the evergreen blonde centre-back, Barbara Cox.

In the earlier match, New Zealand's B side clashed with Taiwan.

Prior to their departure, Australia spent five days training at Canberra's magnificent Australian Institute of Sport.

National coach, Fred Robins told ASW:

"We staged daily, twin-training sessions with a match played every night, desperately trying to knock into shape a team-combination."

"I was very pleased with our work in Canberra and I would have loved

another four or five days of it."

Just before flying out of Sydney's International



Theresa Jones

airport, Robins gave A.S.W. his pencilled-in first team line-up.

Goalkeeper: Theresa Jones.

Defence: Karen Menzies, Andrea Martin, Joanne Millman, Susan Buswell.

Midfield: Sharon Matel-

jan, Shona Bass, Susan Monteath, Marian Milanovic.

Attack: Renaye Iserief, Leanne Priestly.

Robins also selected Queensland's blonde captain, Susan Monteath to skipper the National team for the first time with Western Australia's Sharon Mateljan vice-captain.

Robins has also pencilled in South Australia's Moya Dodds and the A.C.T.'s Julie Murray as his stand-by wingers when the need arises.

Yesterday Australia played the tricky but elegant lightweights of Taiwan. Tomorrow the Aussie girls face New Zealand's B side with the play-offs set down for Saturday.

OCEANIA CUP MATCH SCHEDULE

Saturday March 29th.

New Zealand B vs Taiwan.... 0-1

New Zealand A vs Australia.... 0-1

Monday March 31st.

New Zealand A vs New Zealand B.

Australia vs Taiwan.

Wednesday April 2.

New Zealand A vs Taiwan.

New Zealand B vs Australia.

Saturday April 5.

Play offs for 3rd and 4th.

Play offs for 1st and 2nd.

A LIVELY GALA DAY FOR WSL

BY UWE BRACKLOW

ON Sunday March 23, the Womens Soccer League (WSL) had its opening function, a Gala Day at South Park, Chipping Norton, NSW.

All the WSL clubs, except Parramatta City, attended and in fact Forest United, Manly-Warringah, Putney Town and Chipping Norton Colts all entered two sides.

Girraween United sent one team.

Altogether 12 teams competed, with the WSL inviting prospective clubs Fairfield Olympic, Gladesville Ravens and Castle Hill to play and gather an idea of the strength of the WSL clubs.

On a highly successful day, all parties produced their best Soccer even in summer heat.

Referees praised the teams for the exemplary behaviour of all and admitted their surprise at the high quality of Soccer.

It was good to see the State and national team players in such fine early form and this augurs well for the new season.

In the 15 minutes-per-half games there were no runaway victories and in fact out of 25 games played on the day eight were drawn, seven won by a one-goal margin and five by a two goal margin.

Many supposedly weaker sides held some of their more fashionable opponents in grand style. When the quarter final places were allocated the Colts and Forest had both their teams there, others being Putney, Manly, Girraween and, pleasantly surprising, Fairfield Olympic.

The tough and uncompromising non-WSL team Fairfield Olympic then sprang the major surprise on the day by downing one of the pre-tournament

favourites Putney on penalties.

The other quarter-finals were hard fought with fancied Forest "A" beating Girraween 2-0 after a gallant game, Colts "A" beating Manly and Forest "B" defeating Colts "B" on penalties.

In the semi-finals, Forest "A" accounted for Forest "B" 4-1 and in a close tussle Colts "A" defeated the surprise team Fairfield Olympic 1-0.

In the final, Forest "A" with the internationalists Cindy Heydon, Kim Lem-bryk, Julie Dolan, Therese McCann and Toni McMahon came up against the emerging Chipping Norton Colts who had Margaret Petrov guesting and also have the very talented Tracey Wheeler, Sharon Young, Shelly Fabian and Dalys Carmody.

With no score in the first half after some enterprising play, a little bit of magic broke the deadlock, a beautiful 20 metre chip found the Colts keeper a fraction forward for 1-0.

Midway through the second half, a beautiful move by the Colts saw Toni McMahon make an excellent save from Felicity Huntington and in the next minute, the final goal was scored by Kim Lem-bryk on a solo run through a number of defenders, for a 2-0 win.

Congratulations to all participants for a great day.

Trophies were presented by the new president of WAWSF Sally McPherson.

International Profile

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

No.8



JOANNE MILLMAN

JOANNE MILLMAN, Queensland's diligent National 25 year old centre-back, is again wearing Australia's colours in the second Oceania Cup Tournament being played this week in Christchurch, New Zealand.

The red-headed, freckled-faced clerk employed by the Department of Treasury in Brisbane, Joanne first gained selection in the Australian squad in 1981 but did not play till 1983. That year, Australia flew to Hawaii for the Hawaiian Women's Soccer Crown.

Possessing a magnificent dry sense of humour, once Joanne laces on her boots for Australia, the jokes are over.

Born August 18, 1961, Joanne started playing Soccer at the age of 14, obviously heavily influenced by her five brothers who all play the game.

The best known of her brothers is Ronnie Millman who two years ago won the Queensland Rothmans Medal.

Joanne's younger sister, Kerry, 21, was also a national player in 1983 to 1984 but the star left-back cum-midfielder, has gone into temporary retirement of national duties. Kerry is soon expected to make a comeback for Australia.

However Joanne, who also has yet another sister in Helen, (also a past Soccer player), began her playing career with the Brisbane club of Eastern Suburbs (formerly Aston Villa).

Joanne as well as touring to Hawaii, has travelled with Australia to New Caledonia in 1983 for the first Oceania Cup Tournament, to Xian City in China in 1984 for a tournament and again to Taiwan the same year for the "World Women's Invitational Football Tournament".

Ever the happy-go-lucky type, Joanne is always excellent value for humour and has most of the team, when on tour, in fits of laughter. A most valuable component for any travelling squad.

Born and raised in Brisbane, Joey is finding that the best way to see the big wide world is through playing Soccer for her country.

She already has great ambitions to be selected for the Australian World Cup team in 1988, the first Women's World Cup staged.

BORN: August 18, 1961.

BIRTHPLACE: Brisbane.

OCCUPATION: Treasury Department clerk.

PLAYING POSITION: Centre-back.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Eastern Suburbs, Brisbane.

CURRENT CLUB: Eastern Suburbs.

FAVOURITE WOMEN PLAYERS: Kim Lem-bryk.

FAVOURITE MEN OVERSEAS PLAYER: England's captain, Bryan Robson and Paul Mariner of Arsenal.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE IN YOUR CAREER: Chris Carol, Jim Selby and Fred Robins.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN YOUR CAREER: "Having scored an 'own goal' in the first Oceania Cup in New Caledonia against New Zealand, and that the NSW national players did not come to New Zealand with us."

AMBITIONS IN WOMEN'S SOCCER: "To play for Australia as long as I can plus to gain selection for the Women's World Cup in 1988."

SUPERSTITIONS IF ANY: None.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Indoor cricket, Golf and Volleyball.

FAVOURITE FILM STARS: Christopher Reeves, Pierce Brosnan.

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LOVE TO MEET: Bryan Robson.

MAKE OF CAR OWNED: None.

FAVOURITE T.V. PROGRAMME: Remington Steele.

WHAT IS URGENTLY NEEDED TO IMPROVE SOCCER FOR WOMEN IN AUSTRALIA: "Far more publicity and many sponsors."

THOUGHTS ON THE COMING OCEANIA CUP IN N.Z.: "It's tough over here but we hope that all goes well for all the girls, especially the newcomers in the squad. We are much more determined this time against the Kiwis."

WHO WILL WIN THE 1986 WORLD CUP IN MEXICO: "Brazil, I think."

AUSTRALIA SHOCKS KIWIS

By JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIA, despite being badly depleted by the NSW player boycott, gloriously defeated New Zealand best 1-0 in the Second Oceania Cup tournament at the QE II Park, Christchurch.

Australia's goal was scored by Northern NSW's powerful striker, Renaye Iserief just two minutes after half-time.

Australia had to battle hard against a strong head wind on a rain-soaked pitch to hold out the powerful Kiwis to a scoreless first half.

New Zealand poured on the pressure, hitting the cross-bar and even scoring a goal which was disallowed for off-side.

The New Zealanders, who won the first Oceania Cup in 1983 in New Caledonia, were stunned by their loss to Australia.

Susan Monteath, Australia's skipper, clipped a long through-ball to Iserief who turned to beat two defenders on her way to goal before driving on target with a fierce shot.

Australia's centre-back, Joanne Millman completely blocked New Zealand's ace-striker Wendy Sharpe whilst the Kiwis dynamic midfielder, Maureen Jacobson was blotted out by Sue Monteath.

Up front, Iserief and Leanne Priestly spearheaded Australia's attack magnificently, causing enormous problems for the Kiwi backline.

Australia was well served by Iserief, Monteath, Queensland's Millman, South Australia's Marana Milanovic and Victorian goalkeeper, Theresa Jones.

An over the moon Australian coach, Fred Robins, stated: "Our win was due to sheer guts and determination. I am very, very proud of the girls."

Jones had to go to hospital to have fluid drained from her knee and missed yesterday's match against Taiwan. Her place in goals was taken by Sabina Buschman from the Northern Territory.

After the match, I spoke to Monteath on the phone. She told us:

"We are just elated with our win. It was due to a tremendous team spirit and the new girls did fabulously well."



SUSAN MONTEATH

WSL KICKS-OFF

THE first of 15 rounds starts this weekend (6/4/86) with three very interesting

matches.

Forest United v Manly-Warringah at Gannons Park, Chipping Norton v

Putney Town at South Park, Girraween United v Parramatta City at West Guildford Sports Ground.

The reserves start at 1pm and first grade at 3pm.

On paper, the more fancied teams are Forest United, Putney Town and Parramatta City with the three other teams still somewhat unknown quantities.

But I must admit I would not like to tip any winner here and shock results are in the offing.

Having said that, I have asked Margaret Petrov to give her tips for the first round and they are Forest United, Putney Town and Parramatta City.

Let us see what happens.

BY UWE BRACKLOW

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DOES MARCONI HAVE THE COMMITMENT?

MARCONI's exciting and talented team seems to be the tip for major honours this season in National League.

Les Scheinflug's involvement with the national youth team enabled him to bring many great young talents to Marconi and

now as they work together, they are forming a very formidable team.

There is a lot of speed in the side and consequent-



BY MIKE JOHNSON

ly much mobility.

It will be interesting to see whether they have the commitment to winning which has been displayed by Sydney City in recent years.

Coaching in Wollongong as I do, I have been exposed frequently to the new Wollongong Wolves team coached by its equally new coach, John Fleming.

Fleming appears to be

doing an excellent job.

Apart from the year when Ken Morton imported several British players, including John Fleming, for its initial stint in National League, this is the first time the club has had a squad of players capable of bringing success to Wollongong.

It would be a great achievement for the club to beat the cut-off at the end of the season.

At times, in recent weeks as I have observed them, I felt that it is within their capacity.

The defence, even without key defender, Scott Dickson, is sound and well organised.

Defender Jock Morlando and Warwick Young, have had National League experience and Ray Vlies, still a very young man, improves each year.

Although the fitness, competitiveness and mobility of new Uruguayan midfielder, Saul Rivero has been questioned by some people, he is strong and six foot ball and a brilliant kicker of a ball.

This great kicking skill is seen at set plays, and in open play as he chips deft passes, or hits long crosses from one side of the field to the other.

He has friend and com-

patriot, recently arrived in Australia who will further strengthen the Wollongong squad.

Wolves have speed up front in Robert Giraldo, David Batten, Peter Kotamanidis and Bernie Godzik.

I have not seen Wolves against any top-rate NSL team, to date, so it is difficult to make a true assessment of their ability.

However, just as Marconi watchers are beginning to see an aura of success around Marconi, so do Wollongong Soccer watchers look hopefully to John Fleming and his men to keep National League status for the city.

The players at both clubs must look forward eagerly to the season ahead which seems assured of being the best and most competitive of any of recent times.



SAUL RIVERO (right)



MARCONI celebrating victory last year in the Northern Division Final.

NANDA CUP

A couple of things emerged from the Nanda Cup that are significant to early season form.

As was suggested earlier, pre-season form counts for nothing once the big league starts.

NSW Ampol Cup Final winners Sydney Croatia were well beaten by Sydney City whose pre-season results were very ordinary.

St George, another slow starter in the Ampol, had a fine win and up north Brisbane City humbled in pre-season by a State league outfit beat their local rivals Brisbane Lions.

Out west, the locals West Perth Macedonia went down on penalties after more than holding South Australian Ampol Cup winners Adelaide City.

So an interesting start to the season with rivals Sydney City, Sydney Olympic, and St George looking the ones to beat in the Northern Division.

Looking at a training programme... as with all players the WARM UP is important:—

Specific flexibility exercises to enable every part of the body to be warmed up and supple. Being a vital part of the defensive organisation it is vital to practice with the team, particularly with defensive organisation but also on starting attacks from the back.

Shooting practices are

also essential every session to enable goalkeepers to get practice in match situations with balls from all angles and from every trajectory.

Also in these situations, practice in a one v one situation is very valuable.

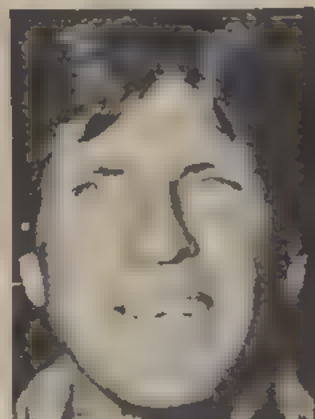
So goalkeepers do need attention. They do need specific training, as well as work with the team: often though they are neglected, and when one sees the importance of the position that's surprising.

GOALKEEPERS

AFTER reading with interest Tom Anderson's article on the age of goalkeepers in the World Cup squads it seems that experience is a prerequisite in that department.

One thing for sure though is that the last line of defence has enormous responsibilities and often skills apart from the general goalkeeping ones that differ from outfield players.

At present Brian Williamson, who has kept goal for Leeds United, Nottingham Forest, Leicester and Fulham,



BY ALAN VEST

staffs courses and specifically concentrates on goalkeeper coaching in NSW.

One of the aims over the next two or three years is to have a goalkeeping school, based at Valentine Park, where the best young goalkeepers in NSW get specific training related to their position.

Talking to the goalkeeper coach some attributes are common to goalkeepers and outfield players but others really are specific to goalkeepers such as:—

Perseverance, courage, dedication, responsibility, concentration for 90 minutes, character, not intimidated if making a mistake, and being alert.

Also specific training is needed and should be worked on regularly:—

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NEW LOOK YOUTH LEAGUE OFF AND RUNNING

THE long awaited start to the new-look Youth League commenced on the weekend throughout NSW.

The competition now made up of three district and separate divisions will be an outstanding success as the confusion created by last year's three group system has now been eliminated.

I am sure all the clubs have put a huge amount of effort into their training, planning and for some team's rebuilding, generating an enormous amount of interest in all age groups.

Whether this effort has been successful will now be determined. Will the favourites produce the goods or will the rank outsiders come from behind and silence their critics?

ASW will attempt to predict who the minor premiers and top four will be in 1986.

Our predictions will be mainly based on a team's previous record and off-season recruiting.

The Under 13s Youth League looks to be a one horse race, with the favourites being Marconi. This prediction is based on the fact that Marconi were the most impressive side by far in the Mini Ampol Cup, winning the final by a mammoth 7-0.

For such a young team they have all the ingredients of a champion all round side. Speed, skill, strength and most importantly depth. There does not seem to be any apparent weakness in the Marconi side, who are destined to lose very few games, if any at all.

The only other sides who give Marconi a strong competitive match will be Illawarra, finalists in the Mini Ampol Cup. Blacktown City, who also fared well in the competition and Melita Eagles should

fill the fourth spot.

The team to beat in the Under 14 Youth League must again be Marconi, who finished head and shoulders above the other sides in this division last year.

Marconi are defending Metropolitan and State champions, a feat which can only be achieved by an excellent all round side.

If anything Marconi have improved even further this season due to the addition to their ranks of some talented material.

The side most likely to trouble Marconi will be Blacktown City, last year's Mini Ampol Cup winners.

Illawarra, 1985 Metropolitan finalists, are sure of being in the finish and Sydney Olympic should take the last position in the top four.

The outsiders in this age group must be Apia who were very unlucky to miss out on the finals last year.

The Under 15 Youth League will undoubtedly prove to be very competitive as four sides will battle it out for major honours.

Sydney Olympic, the reigning Metropolitan champions, will start favourites, due to their strong front running trio. Olympic have the ability to score goals in tight situations, which is the sign of a superb outfit.

A strong challenge in this group will come from Apia, who were victorious in last year's State championship. Both teams have endured a vigorous off-season recruiting spree, strengthening their squads, with the difference between them being minute.

Newly promoted Melita Eagles are also a formidable opponent, not to be

taken lightly.

Melita were division two premiers, and finalists in the Metropolitan Championship. St George should tie up the last vital spot in this division, though they have lost a few talented youngster from their squad of last season.

The outsiders in this age group should be Marconi.

The Under 16 Youth League favourites must be Sydney Olympic, who have dominated this age group for the last three years.

Metropolitan cham-

pions in the previous two seasons, their experience in the tight end of season matches should prove invaluable.

The strongest opposition should come from Marconi, whose recruiting drive has enabled them to form a squad with lethal finishing power. On paper no other side will be able to compete with these two.

St George who have been in the top four over the past three seasons, and Gladesville should fill the remaining play-off positions in this age group.

Rank outsiders will be Illawarra, but whether they can recover from losing a number of players is to be seen.

It is evident from the above predictions that each age group comprises at least one or two outstanding sides. Whether these sides live up to their reputations remains to be seen.

It is said in sporting circles that it is easy getting to the top, the hard part is staying there.

On this note ASW wishes all clubs the best for the 1986 season.



SAYS TONY RACITI

NEPEAN'S DROP IN NUMBERS

THERE has been a drop in nominations for the Nepean District Soccer Football Association competitions this year. A total of 320 teams have nominated for the age groups Under 9 to All Age and Over 30.

There are a further 116 teams in the age groups Under 6 and 7 playing mini-Soccer, and a further 43 in the Under 8 grade.

The Under 18 competition has been formed into a composite league with Blacktown Soccer Association, six teams from Nepean and four from Blacktown.

In the female ranks, three competitions have been amalgamated with the Blacktown Soccer Association, all age, under 16 and 15.

The schoolboys' competition scheduled for June 14, has been widened with schools in the Blacktown Soccer Association area being given approval to take part.

Regional coach Vince Balzan has arranged Level I coaching courses at five venues in the Association, taking place simultaneously, from 7pm to 9.30pm on April 14, 21 and 28.

Venues are, Cook Park, St Marys, Icely Park, Richmond, Jamison Park, Penrith, St John Park, Blackland and Kemps Creek Park, Kemps Creek.

The courses are open to all coaches, managers, and parents. Coaching will be

done by members of the NSWAF coaching staff, under the guidance of Alan Vest.

Balzan is also arranging a live-in camp for junior players Under 9 to Under 16. Yarrowood Camp, Yarramundi, is the venue selected.

The coaching camp is from lunchtime Monday May 5 to lunchtime Friday May 9.

Cost \$99 and this includes accommodation, meals, "T" shirt and Mitre Soccer ball. Other amenities include swimming pool, tennis court, bush walks, table tennis and TV.

Nepean Association extends congratulations to Tony Pollard on his appointment to the NSL referees panel. Tony, who lives at Springwood, has done much over the years to improve the standard of refereeing in the Nepean District, and is always willing to give time to the game.

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THE NSWASF in 1988 will be hosting three national championships, the first time ever that one city has been host for more than one championship. Applications have been received from the Sutherland Association, Orange Association and Albury-Wodonga to use their areas as venues for one of the national titles.

The task of organising three national titles in the one city will be a mammoth one for the NSWASF, but NSW is acknowledged as the top State when it comes to organising tournaments on such a large scale.

SYDNEY Amateur League have recently applied to the NSWASF seeking affiliation. But it

appears that the NSWASF will reject the application as the Amateur League are not prepared to fulfil the requirement laid down by the State body to gain affiliation.

Obviously the Sydney Amateurs were keen to affiliate so that their organisation could be part of the highly successful insurance scheme that the NSWASF implemented two years ago.

ASW is also led to believe that the Amateur League were not prepared to contribute to the cost involved in running the State organisation.

Any organisation wishing to affiliate with the State body is required to meet their financial obligations, which the Sydney Amateur League was not prepared to do.

BLACKTOWN Association last week appealed to the Protests and Disputes committee of the Sydney Branch over the Youth League's decision to allow Polonia to participate in the competition.

Blacktown officials claim that Polonia should not have gained admittance as that area was covered by their Association and no further clubs were needed.

After a very lengthy

meeting, the P. & D. dismissed Blacktown's appeal ... and rightly so.

Every single club in the Youth League, apart from Manly, have other Federation, NSL and Association clubs to compete with.

THE Junior State body has received numerous complaints from parents in the Bathurst area, who have been told by a certain school principal that their sons will not be permitted to play with any other organisation other than their school.

Quite a number of youngsters are upset over this decision, as they cannot play with Bathurst '75 in the Youth League.

The principal of St Stanislaus refuses to compromise on the matter.

ASW suggests to the parents that they register their boys with any club of their choosing, and we doubt very much if any action will be brought against their sons.

ASW will report on this story in next week's issue.

THE swimming pool at the Parklea complex remains the same, filthy and in need of maintenance.

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BRYAN'S GOAL TARGET

ENGLAND skipper Bryan Robson has an English international goalscoring record in his sights

"I want to beat Bobby Charlton's all-time record of 49 goals," says the optimistic Robson.

He has a long way to go. His two goals against Israel recently took Robson's scoring tally to 18.

He admits the Bobby Charlton target is somewhat ambitious. "I might have to play until I'm 50 to beat it," he said.

At 29, and a victim of constantly recurring injury, Robson might be struggling to pass Kevin Keegan's England goals total of 21.

RUSH HAS LIFE JOB

IAN RUSH says he's fed up with all the transfer talk linking him with European clubs.

"I'm perfectly happy with Liverpool. My heart and my future are with the Anfield club," said Rush.

Liverpool will be delighted if Rush stays.

The Welsh international still has two years to run on his contract but manager Kenny Dalglish commented: "Ian can have a new contract immediately and for as long as he likes."

That sounds like a life contract.



BRYAN ROBSON, goal target.

GLOOMY TREVOR FRANCIS

AT last Trevor Francis has admitted he's not happy in Italy and would like to return to English football.

Francis has had a row with Sampdoria coach Eugenio Bersellini and now finds himself relegated to the bench.

"I cannot afford to be on the sidelines because it affects my World Cup chances. My future with Sampdoria looks very gloomy," said the England forward.

One of the first English clubs to bid for him will be Nottingham Forest, where he used to play.

Forest have just raked in \$1,200,000 of Manchester United's money for Peter Davenport and Francis would be an admirable replacement — and much cheaper.

Brian Clough, the Forest manager, has always been a great admirer of Francis.



Trevor Francis is still a key member of the England squad.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC will sign Newcastle United's Welsh international midfielder Alan Davies on a month's loan.

SHOCKS TO COME OUT OF AFRICA

ALGERIA caused a major upset in the 1982 World Cup by beating West Germany 2-1 and the Algerians claim they'll have more shocks in store in Mexico this year.

A surprise choice for Algeria's World Cup squad is English-born centre-forward Rachid Harkouk, who played in the third division for Notts County.

Harkouk is a Londoner but his dad comes from Algeria.

Before picking Harkouk, Algeria's coach Rabah Saadare travelled to England to assess the player's form.

He told Harkouk that he figures prominently in Algeria's plans.

"That was a relief to hear," said Harkouk. "Even though I was in the World Cup 22, I had not played in any qualifying matches and thought it might cost me my place."

"So far I have played only once for my adopted country when we drew 1-1 against East Germany in front of a crowd of 80,000 in Algiers."

"There is a lot of skill in the Algerian team, several players being talented enough to upset the big shots in Mexico."

Algeria, by the way, has the same sort of problem as Denmark — with all of the country's top players based with foreign teams.

Says Rachid Harkouk: "They have 11 professional players dotted around Europe and if anyone thinks those players are

mugs, they are in for a shock."

Northern Ireland, Spain and Brazil are in Algeria's Cup group, causing Harkouk to comment: "I shall die a happy man after I've nut-megged the Brazilian skipper Socrates and smacked in a goal from 25 metres!"



RACHID HARKOUK

RUSH DOESN'T WANT TOP NOTCH KEEPER

TRANSFER talk linking Peter Shilton with Liverpool upset Liverpool's brilliant Welsh striker Ian Rush.

It's clear Rush is in no rush to see Shilton installed between the posts at Anfield.

"Shilton is a superb goalkeeper but at 37 on his next birthday, the only point in bringing him to Liverpool would be to work with Bruce Gobbelaar — not to replace him," say Rush.

"Bruce, now 28, is approaching his peak and Shilton could give him the benefit of his experience."

"But I know which of the two I prefer in our goal — Bruce Gobbelaar!"

FERGUSON CALLS UP WARK

JOHN WARK, Liverpool's Scottish midfielder, was convinced he'd blown his chance of making the Scotland World Cup squad... but then team boss Alex Ferguson named his squad for the warm-up against Romania and Wark's name was on the list.

"I'm surprised and delighted. I didn't think I had much chance of selection but it's marvellous to realise I'm in the boss's thoughts at this late stage," said Wark.

We wonder how Wark's

Liverpool team-mate Craig Johnston feels about all this.

A few months ago, Liverpool boss Kenny Dalglish recommended Johnston to Alex Ferguson for the Scottish team.

PARAGUAY BEAT KOREA

HONG KONG, Paraguay and South Korea took part in a three-country tournament in Hong Kong to celebrate the Chinese New Year and it is significant that Paraguay beat Korea in the final.

Paraguay and Korea will play in the World Cup in Mexico and the Hong Kong tournament indicates Korea could struggle: or could it be that Paraguay is particularly strong?



CRAIG JOHNSTON

PLATINI'S MONEY NOT GOING UP IN SMOKE!

MICHEL PLATINI is one footballer who will have nothing to do with the anti-smoking lobby.

The genius who plays club football for Juventus and leads France's international team, invariably has a cigarette dangling from his lips.

No doubt the wowers will proclaim that Platini would have been an even better player had he kept off the smokes!

But, smoking or no, Platini is doing very nicely. He is possibly the highest-paid player in the world.

Platini gets a basic \$12,000 a week from Juventus but admits this is only quite a small part of his total income.

As a businessman, he has dabbled in many directions and almost all of his ventures have paid off handsomely.

Looking to the World Cup, Platini is convinced France has the skill to win it despite the handicap of playing so far from home.

No European team has won the World Cup in South or Central America.

"This year, there will be a formidable challenge from Europe," warns the French skipper. And don't rule out the chances of England or Scotland."

A MISERABLE YEAR FOR RICKI VILLA

COLOMBIA is recognised as the centre of the world drug market, surely one of the reasons it did not get the 1986 World Cup.

Ricki Villa, the Argentine Soccer star who joined Spurs with Ossie Ardiles, has just spent a miserable year in Colombia, playing for the Deportivo Cali club.

Villa caught hepatitis there and could not play

for several months.

To compound his problems, the club refused to pay him while he was off ill and then presented him with a hospital bill for \$20,000.

Things were never like that at White Hart Lane!



MICHEL PLATINI — smokin' and smiling.

The World Scoreboard

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	32	21	8	7	74	38	69
Liverpool	35	19	10	6	71	36	67
Man Utd	34	19	7	8	57	28	64
Chelsea	32	18	8	6	49	35	62
Arsenal	32	17	7	8	42	33	58
West Ham	30	17	6	7	48	27	57
Sheff Wed	34	16	8	10	31	47	56
Luton	35	15	10	10	31	38	55
Newcastle	33	14	10	9	49	48	52
Notts Fst	33	13	6	12	57	47	51
Tottenham	34	14	6	14	52	41	48
Watford	30	12	7	11	48	45	43
Manc City	35	11	10	14	40	47	45
QPR	36	12	6	18	39	56	42
Southampton	34	11	7	16	41	45	40
Coventry	36	9	10	17	44	60	37
Leicester	34	8	11	15	48	61	35
Oxford	34	8	9	17	51	69	33
Ipswich	33	13	12	11	27	53	35
Aston Villa	34	6	12	16	37	56	30
Birmingham	35	8	5	22	29	74	29
WBA	35	4	9	22	28	76	21

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich	34	22	7	5	74	33	73
Portsmouth	34	19	6	9	56	30	63
Wimbledon	33	16	8	9	44	31	57
Charlton	32	16	8	8	50	37	56
Brighton	33	15	7	11	56	46	52
Hull	35	14	10	11	58	50	52
Crystal P	34	15	7	12	42	40	52
Sheff Utd	34	14	8	12	45	52	50
Oldham	35	14	7	14	55	53	49
Stoke	34	12	10	12	42	53	41
Barnsley	34	12	11	11	36	55	47
Grimsby	35	12	10	13	51	52	46
Bradford	32	13	5	14	40	46	44
Millwall	33	12	6	15	48	50	42
Blackburn	35	10	11	14	42	53	41
Shrewsbury	35	11	7	17	42	54	40
Leeds	34	11	7	16	48	58	40
Middlesbrough	35	10	10	15	43	60	40
Sunderland	34	9	10	15	36	52	37
Middlesbrough	35	9	9	17	36	45	36
Carlisle	33	9	6	18	34	59	33
Fulham	31	8	5	18	33	46	29

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	36	25	4	7	57	42	78
Wigan	37	20	9	8	68	39	69
Plymouth	37	19	8	10	64	46	65
Derby	35	18	10	7	64	46	65
Gillingham	38	17	13	8	68	44	64
Walsall	38	19	6	13	75	51	63
Brentford	37	16	9	12	46	47	57
Doncaster	35	15	12	11	39	42	57
Bristol C	36	15	12	9	44	41	57
York	36	15	7	14	60	49	55
Notts City	35	16	10	11	54	51	55
Blackpool	37	14	11	12	57	41	53
Rotherham	37	14	10	13	55	44	53
Bournemouth	38	13	8	17	56	57	47
Bolton	36	13	8	15	49	52	47
Bristol R	36	12	7	17	42	63	43
Chesham	38	10	12	16	45	52	42
Darlington	33	11	9	13	48	57	42
Bury	37	9	10	18	50	57	37
Newport	38	7	15	16	40	57	36
Lincoln	36	8	12	16	44	64	36
Cardiff	39	9	8	22	45	73	35
Swansea	39	9	8	22	36	75	35
Wolves	37	8	9	20	42	78	33

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon	36	25	3	8	56	33	78
Chesham	38	19	13	6	71	39	70
Manfield	36	20	8	8	62	38	68
Port Vale	38	16	15	7	49	32	63
Stockport	38	17	11	10	58	52	62
Hartlepool	37	17	12	8	55	48	59
Orient	38	15	11	10	62	48	56
Northampton	37	16	7	14	65	44	51
Crewe	38	14	9	15	48	54	51

YUGOSLAVA

Pristina v Ve Mostar	3-2
Su Niksic v Osijek	2-1
Bud Tito v Partizan	1-0
Vardar v V'dina NS	2-1
Red Star v Col Zen	4-1
Sloboda v Rijeka	2-2
Zel S'jevo v Di Zagreb	2-0
OFK B'grade v Di V'ovci	0-0

SCOTTISH PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Red Star	22	13	5	4	45	25	31
Partizan	22	13	5	4	38	20	31
Velez	22	11	5	6	42	28	27
Pristina	22	10	4	8	26	28	24
Di Zagreb	22	7	9	6	27	24	23

GREECE

AEK v Ap Athens	1-1
Aris v Ap K'maries	1-1
PAOK v O'p'is	1-0
Yannina v Iraklis	1-0
Doxa v P'chali	1-1
Panionios v Ethnikos	2-0
Larisa v P'raikos	2-3
P'raikos v OFI	4-1

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hearts	32	18	9	5	54	30	45
Dundee Utd	30	15	10	5	49	24	40
Aberdeen	30	14	10	6	51	25	38
Celtic	29	13	10	6	51	36	36
Rangers	32	12	8	12	48	40	32
Dundee	31	12	7	12	38	46	31
Hibernian	32	10	6	16	46	56	26
St Mirren	30	10	5	15	35	48	25
Motherwell	29	8	5	16	26	51	17
Clydebank	31	5	6	20	25	67	16

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamilton	30	20	7	3	65	27	47
Dumbarton	32	15	9	8	53	39	39
Kilmarnock	33	16	11	5	43	36	36
Falkirk	32	13	9	10	43	30	35
East Fife	32	10	13	9	41	39	33
Forfar	30	12	8	10	39	36	32
Morton	32	10	10	12	45	53	30
Brechin	30	12	5	13	48	51	29
Montrose	31	9	13	12	38	48	29
Ayr	33	10	9	14	33	48	29
Aldrie	31	10	8	13	41	39	28
Partick	32	7	13	12	41	55	27
Clyde	30	6	13	11	30	42	25
Alloa	28	5	9	14	34	52	19

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Q O' Sh	30	19	7	4	56	24	45
Dunfermlin	29	17	10	2	67	37	44
Queen's Pk	32	16	7	9	49	33	39
McBanks	31	13	11	7	53	40	37
St Johnst	31	15	12	5	56	44	34
Arbroath	31	13	8	10	48	41	34
Stirling	30	12	8	12	41	34	30
Railt	31	11	6	14	52	54	28
Cowdenbank	31	10	6	15	42	46	26
Stenhouse	29	11	4	14	45	57	26
E Stirling	30	10	4	16	37	48	24
Berwick	31	7	9	15	39	56	23
Albion	30	7	8	15	34	65	22
Stranraer	32	6	4	22	32	72	16

NORTHERN IRELAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bremen	28	19	6	3	75	36	44
Ba Munich	29	18	5	6	68	31	41
M'gladbach	28	13	11	4	58	38	37
Stuttgart	28	13	6	9	57	39	32
L'kuzen	28	12	8	8	53	41	32

HOLLAND

Hamburg	27	13	5	9	43	28	31
HOLLAND							
AZ'67 v PSV						0-1	
MVV v Groningen						0-0	
Ex R'dam v Venlo						0-0	
Sp R'dam v Heracles						6-1	
Twente v Roda JC						1-1	

PSV

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV	24	21	2	1	71	13	44
Ajax	25	19	1	5	85	25	39
Feyenoord	22	15	3	4	51	28	33
Den Bosch	25	11	8	6	41	24	30

SPAIN

SPAIN	
L. Palmas v Re Madrid	4-3
V'dolid v Celta	4-0
Cadiz v Sporting	0-0
Barcelona v S'cedad	2-3
Hercules v Betis	2-3
Sevilla v Valencia	0-2

RE MADRID

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Re Madrid	31	24	4	3	73	26	52
Barcelona	31	17	6	8	64	30	42
Bilbao	31	17	7	7	42	27	41
Zaragoza	31	15	9	7	48	31	39
At Madrid	31	15	7	9	48	36	37
Sporting	31	11	5	15	31	25	27
Sociedad	31	15	5	11	54	44	35

PORTUGAL

At Madrid	31	15	7	9	48	36	37
Sporting	31	11	15	5	31	25	3
Sociedad	31	15	5	11	54	44	35

PORTUGAL

P'nense v Aves	4-0
Benfica v Academ	1-0

WEST GERMANY

Mantovano v Porto	2-1
Penafiel v Chaves	1-1
S'gueiros v Braga	0-2
Covilha v B'nenses	0-0
G'maraes v Boavista	2-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Benfica	27	20	5	2	52	10	45
Porto	27	19	5	3	58	18	43

WEST GERMANY

Boavista	27	12	7	8	40	27	31
POLAND							
Sl Wroclaw v L Poznan							3-1
LKS Lodz v Go W'rzycz							3-3

ZICO'S CHANCES FOR MEXICO ONLY SLIM

ZICO faces a desperate battle to get fit in time for the World Cup.

The magnificent Brazilian has been injured twice recently and some pessimists have already written him off for the Cup.

Just before his latest knee injury, Zico said: "I am scoring goals, I am fully fit and full of confidence in my ability to penetrate the best defences in the world."

"I am determined to bow out of the game at the very top — after a World Cup final."

"I want a World Cup-winners medal so I will be talked of in the same breath as Pele, Jairzinho, Carlos Alberto, Tostao and Gerson."

Brazil's coach Tele Santana gladdened many hearts when he recalled all the 1982 World Cup stars to challenge for the 1986

series.

Santana aims to blend in Zico, Socrates, Junior, Cerezo and Falcao with the outstanding potential of young Silas, Muller, Dida and Sidinei.

Defeats from West Germany and Hungary, without a Brazilian goal being scored in either match, caused a few critics to call for Santana's sacking.

Brazilians must have short memories. Santana was regarded as a coaching genius when his team thrilled, excited and enchanted millions of fans in Spain in 1982.

Even if Brazil didn't win the Cup, they consistently played a brand of football that no other nation could match.

They could do it again under Santana. But so much is going to depend on that doubtful Zico knee.



ZICO — Mexico looking far away.

URUGUAY won the Miami Cup staged in the USA, which was not a surprise.

The big surprise is that the Uruguayans won despite being without all of their foreign-based stars.

This surely indicates the squad has great depth.

ADVICE FROM A DANE

DANISH international Morten Olsen, who plays for Anderlecht in Belgium, almost joined Spurs at the start of this season but the deal fell through.

Now Olsen is offering gratuitous advice to unhappy Spurs manager Peter Shreeve.

"Spurs problem is that they have too many stars — especially for English football," said Olsen.

"Three of four stars might be O.K. but not a team of stars."

"I hope Shreeve survives — he's a nice man," added the Danish player.

PRUZZO BIDS FOR ITALIAN CUP JERSEY

ROBERTO PRUZZO has never really made the grade in Italy's international squad.

At 31, he has only six games for Italy to his credit and in none did Pruzzo look the answer to a coach's prayer.

Could it be that he will make a late challenge for a World Cup place?

Pruzzo's five-goal burst in Roma's 5-1 win recently pushed him into the headlines.

One Italian newspaper pointed out that national coach Enzo Bearzot has failed to find any consistent goalscorers since Paolo Rossi's brilliant contribution to the 1982 World Cup victory.

"Could Pruzzo be the answer for Bearzot," asked the paper.

PFAFF GETS SACK!

JEAN-MARIE PFAFF has been told by his club, Bayern Munich, he won't be needed next season.

Injury cost him his place in Belgium's international team and now he cannot win a first team spot at Bayern.

It is possible that Jean-Marie, one of the world's top goalkeepers, won't be going to Mexico with Belgium.



ROBERTO PRUZZO — goalscorer.

MAGGIE'S BIG GESTURE HELPS CLUBS

BRITISH Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will inject government funds of about \$4,000,000 into Soccer as part of the Youth Training Scheme.

Gordon Taylor, secretary of the Professional Footballers Association, has been a prime over in the scheme.

Taylor has now been approached by cricketers and jockeys to see if he can advice how a similar scheme would work in their sports.

This is wonderful news for all clubs.

It now means they can

sign up apprentice footballers without it costing a penny.

To an average club, the cash saving will be \$60,000 a year.

Apprentice footballers will get their wages, expenses and boarding costs from the government. Clubs, for their part, must guarantee to send the boys to college to continue their education.



JEAN — MARIE PFAFF in action for Belgium.